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India, US in ongoing talks for trade deal: Goyal

AUCKLAND

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said India and the US are holding continuous discussions for the proposed bilateral trade agreement. "Talks are going well...and are continuously going on. ..kaee samvedanasheel mudde hai, kaee gambheer mudde hai, toh svaabhaavik hai ki thoda samay lagega (There are many sensitive issues, many serious issues, so it is natural that it will take some time)," he told reporters here. He was replying to a question about the progress on India-US negotiations on the pact. Goyal is here on a four-day official visit.

Passport scam: ED probes bizman's 900 Bangkok trips

KOLKATA

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), probing into a fake passport scam, turned its attention to the foreign travels of a businessman in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district, an official said. The businessman from Khardah area, identified as Vinod Gupta, allegedly travelled to Bangkok nearly 900 times over the past 10 years, the official added. "We are now probing into the reason behind such frequent visits abroad. The trips are suspected to be linked to a wider network involved in the fake passport racket," the official said. The fake passport case took a new turn earlier when the ED arrested Azad Mallik, a Pakistani national.

Hybrid ganja worth ₹76 lakh seized in Thane; one held

THANE

Police have seized hybrid ganja valued at over ₹ 76 lakh in the illicit market and arrested one person in Thane city, officials said on Wednesday. The Anti-Narcotics Cell (ANC) made the drug seizure and arrest on November 3 near a housing complex within the jurisdiction of the Kapurbawdi police station, they said, adding three accomplices of the arrested man managed to escape during the operation. An officer with the Kapurbawdi police station said, "When ANC officials were carrying out a patrolling duty, they spotted a man selling contraband and caught him.

Gunfight between terrorists, security forces in J&K

JAMMU

A gunfight erupted on Wednesday in Kishtwar district between terrorists and security forces, officials reported. In a coordinated intelligence-based operation with Jammu and Kashmir Police, the White Knight Corps engaged militants in the Chhatru area. According to a post on X by the Corps, security personnel confronted two to three terrorists during the operation. One soldier reportedly sustained minor injuries in the encounter. The forces are maintaining a high-alert posture and are actively monitoring terrorist movements across the mountainous district to prevent further incidents and ensure the safety of local residents.

BJP calls Rahul's Haryana vote theft claim 'baseless'

NEW DELHI

The BJP on Wednesday dismissed Rahul Gandhi's allegation of mass vote theft in the Haryana Assembly Polls as "false and baseless" and accused the Congress leader of raising questions on the Election Commission to hide his failures and defame the country's democracy.

Rijiju's retort came hours after Gandhi cited electoral list data from Haryana to claim that 25 lakh entries were "fake" and the victory in the state was "stolen" from his party last year.

Gandhi said he had "100 per cent" proof of the malfeasance he alleged.

Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju, in a press conference, accused Gandhi of "playing games" in collusion with "anti-India" forces to defame the country.

He said Gandhi goes abroad during elections, does not meet people on the ground, and cries foul after his party loses.

He derided him as someone who cannot work hard or live among the people.

If there is any irregularity with the voting, then one must flag it with the EC or approach the court. "But he never does it," he said about the Congress leader.

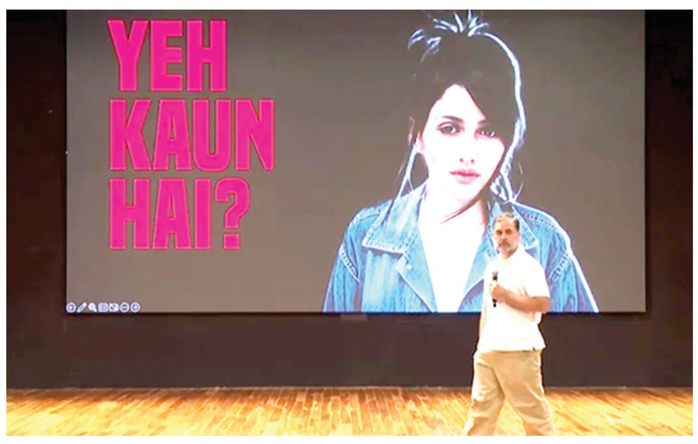
Rahul alleges BJP 'stole' 2024 Haryana polls with ECI's help

Congress leader claims 25 lakh fake voters were listed ahead of 2024 elections

NEW DELHI

Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday accused the BJP of "stealing" the 2024 Haryana Assembly elections with the alleged support of the Election Commission of India (ECI). Presenting what he called the "H Files", Mr. Gandhi claimed that 25 lakh fake voters were included in Haryana's electoral rolls before the polls.

He displayed voter lists from the Rai constituency, alleging that a Brazilian model's photograph was used 22 times across 10 booths for different names. Gandhi claimed one in every eight voters in Haryana was fake, asserting that Congress lost narrowly in several seats because of electoral manipulation.



LoP Rahul Gandhi claimed that a Brazilian model's photograph was used 22 times in 10 booths ▸ PHOTO: X

Calling it "Operation Sarkar Chori," Gandhi accused the ECI of colluding with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to "destroy democracy." He alleged that discrepancies included over 5.2 lakh duplicate voters and 93,000 invalid addresses. The BJP and the ECI dismissed the charges as baseless. Gandhi, however, maintained that "if the voter list is a lie, there is no democracy," urging India's youth to restore democratic values through truth and non-violence.

He also warned that similar "vote theft" systems could be deployed in Bihar's ongoing Assembly elections, saying the manipulation had become "industrialised."

Mr. Gandhi concluded by reiterating his appeal to Generation Z: "This democracy belongs to you, not to the ECI or Narendra Modi. You must protect it."

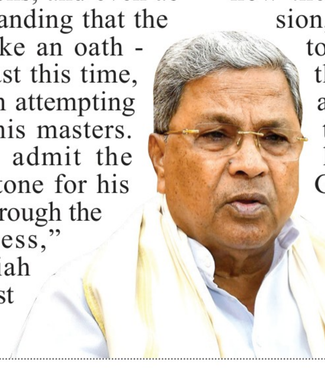
CM slams EC for colluding with Centre to 'strangle' democratic system

BENGALURU

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah accused the Election Commission of colluding with the BJP-led Union government in alleged voter fraud, echoing Rahul Gandhi's claims of 25 lakh fake entries in Haryana polls.

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday accused the Election Commission of colluding with the BJP-led union government to "strangle" the very democratic system it is meant to safeguard, citing Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's allegations about 25 lakh fake entries in the Haryana poll list.

The CM also called on Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar to refrain from attempting to protect his "masters" and admit the truth. "Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar - who had been evading questions, denying allegations, and even absurdly demanding that the accusers take an oath - must, at least this time, refrain from attempting to protect his masters. He should admit the truth and atone for his misdeeds through the legal process," Siddaramaiah said in a post on X.



Having earlier revealed large-scale voter fraud in Mahadevapura and Aland Assembly constituencies of Karnataka, Gandhi has now presented documented evidence showing how the entire election result in Haryana was manipulated, he said.

"These records demonstrate how the Election Commission, which is supposed to protect democracy through transparent and impartial elections, has instead colluded with the Union Government to strangle the very democratic system it is meant to safeguard," he added.

MODI HAILS CHAMPIONS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday met the triumphant Indian women's cricket team at his residence and lauded the players for their "remarkable resilience and comeback" in the World Cup after enduring a tough phase marked by three consecutive defeats. ▸ PHOTO: X

Zohran declares "new era" in NYC, challenges Trump in victory speech

NEW YORK

Making history as the first South Asian and Muslim mayor of New York City, Zohran Mamdani delivered a fiery and inspiring victory speech, celebrating a decisive win over Republican Curtis Sliwa and independent Andrew Cuomo, who had Trump's backing. Mamdani, 34, secured 1,036,051 votes (50.4%), ahead of Cuomo's 854,995 and Sliwa's 146,137, marking a landmark moment in the city's political landscape. Addressing a jubilant crowd at Brooklyn Paramount, Mamdani invoked the words of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru: "A moment comes, but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new... Tonight, we have stepped out from the old into the new." He framed his victory as a triumph of hope over entrenched political dynasties and called for a New York led by immigrants, rejecting Trump's anti-immigration rhetoric.

Bihar Polls: Key dates, wards & voting schedule

First Phase Polling: Nov **6**

Second Phase Polling: Nov **11**

Counting of Votes: Nov **14**

Total Seats: **243** Assembly constituencies

Phase-wise Polling

Phase **1**: **121** seats

Phase **2**: **122** seats

PATNA

Bihar is set to witness the first phase of its 2025 Assembly elections today, with 121 constituencies across 18 districts going to the polls. The counting of votes is scheduled for November 14.

Candidates for this phase filed nominations by October 17, with scrutiny on October 18 and the last date for withdrawal on October 20. A total of 1,314 candidates are contesting in this phase. Over 7.4 crore voters, including 14 lakh first-time voters, are eligible to cast their ballots across the State.

Major constituencies in phase 1

The first phase covers several key districts, including Patna, Nalanda, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Gopalganj, Siwan, Begusarai, and Munger. Prominent seats going to polls include Patna Sahib, Bankipur, Arrah, Biharsharif, Darbhanga, and Gopalganj. Reserved constituencies like Singheshwar (SC), Bochaha (SC), Rajgir (SC), and Phulwari (SC) are also part of the first phase.

Train crushes 6 pilgrims to death at a railway station

MIRZAPUR

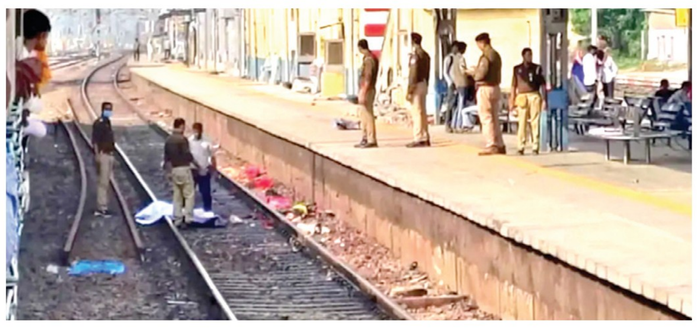
Six women returning from Kartik Purnima Snan were hit by the Netaji Express while crossing tracks at Chunar station instead of using the footover bridge.

Six women were killed on Wednesday after being hit by an incoming train while alighting from the wrong side at Chunar Railway Station in Mirzapur, officials said. The incident occurred around 9:30 a.m. when passengers from the Chopan Express got down onto the tracks and were struck by the approaching Netaji Express from Howrah to Kalkaji, according to Amit Singh, Public Relations Officer, NCR Prayagraj Division.

The victims had come for Kartik Purnima Snan (holy bath). Despite a foot overbridge being available, passengers attempted to cross the tracks, leading to the tragedy, the railways said in a statement. Government Railway Police Inspector Raghvendra Singh confirmed six deaths.

The deceased were identified as Savita (28), Sadhna (16), Shiv Kumari (12), Anju Devi (20), Sushila Devi (60), and Kalawati (50).

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed deep sorrow and directed officials to reach the site immediately to expedite rescue and relief operations. The National and State Disaster Response Forces were deployed to assist.



Oppn demands ₹200–300 cr for irrigation dept

CHAMARAJANAGAR

Opposition leader R. Ashoka has demanded that the Congress government provide a grant of ₹200–300 crore to the Irrigation Department to fill lakes in Chamarajanagar and implement measures to prevent human-wildlife conflicts. Addressing a press conference after joining a farmers' protest, he criticized the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government for being "anti-farmer" since coming to power. R. Ashok recalled that during B.S. Yediyurappa's tenure, ₹230 crore was allocated to the department, and all lakes were filled. However, he claimed that after Congress assumed power, grants for irrigation projects were diverted elsewhere, and the department's allocation was reduced by 30%.

NISAR MISSION READY

NISAR to become fully operational on November 7: ISRO Chief

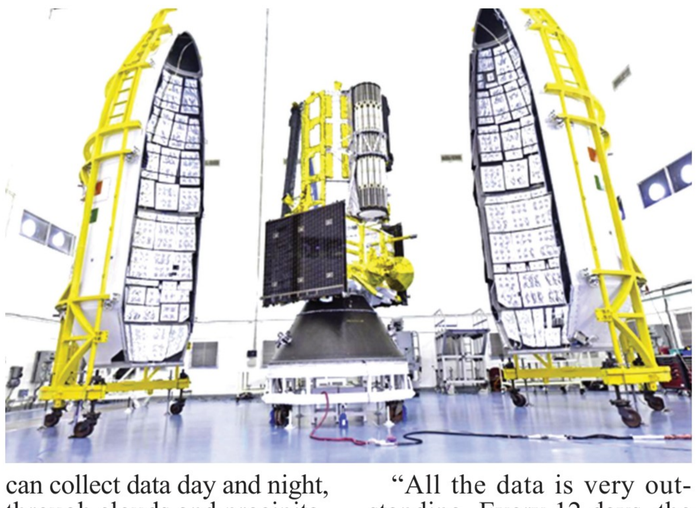
NEW DELHI

NASA and ISRO will declare their jointly developed NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) satellite operational on November 7, ISRO chairman V. Narayanan announced on Wednesday.

Launched on July 30, 2025, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre aboard a GSLV rocket, the 2,400-kg NISAR is the world's most advanced Earth observation satellite. It can monitor most of the planet's land and ice surfaces twice every 12 days, providing crucial data on ecosystem changes, natural hazards, and climate patterns.

"Entire data calibration has been completed, and we will have a conclave on November 7 to declare the satellite operational," Narayanan said at the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) in New Delhi.

The NISAR mission is the first to carry dual-frequency SAR systems — the L-band and S-band radars. The L-band radar can penetrate forest canopies to measure soil moisture and forest biomass, while the S-band radar is more sensitive to smaller vegetation, agriculture, and snow moisture. Both systems



can collect data day and night, through clouds and precipitation.

"All the data is very outstanding. Every 12 days, the Earth can be scanned — it's going to be a highly useful satellite," Narayanan said.

Turning to India's human spaceflight mission, Narayanan revealed that the first uncrewed mission under Gaganyaan is expected in January 2026, with plans to send Indian astronauts into space by 2027.

He added that ISRO plans to launch the first module of the Bhartiya Antariksh Station by 2028, aiming for a fully operational five-module orbital lab by 2035. The station will accommodate up to six astronauts for short missions and three to four for long-term stays.

QUICK READ

Robbery for Hunger: Man Held in Thyagaraja Nagar

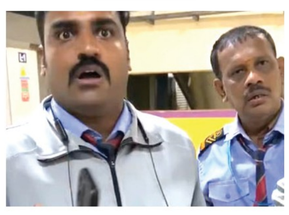
Bengaluru

A man attempting to rob a bakery in Thyagaraja Nagar was arrested early Wednesday. Around 4 a.m., Madan Kumar tried to break the lock of Nandeeshwara Bakery using a cement block. Alert passersby noticed the act and quickly informed the police through the 112 helpline. The Hoysala police from Basavanagudi station reached the spot and detained the accused. During interrogation, Kumar reportedly admitted to stealing under the influence of alcohol, driven by hunger and desperation.

Protesters Throw Garbage outside GBA Office

Bengaluru

Veteran Kannada activist Vatal Nagaraj led a protest outside the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) headquarters on Wednesday, condemning garbage being dumped near his residence. Demonstrators attempted to dump garbage at the GBA office as a mark of protest, but police intervened and seized the bags. Questioning the authorities, Nagaraj said, "If you can dump garbage near our houses, why can't we place it in front of your office?" The symbolic protest drew attention to poor waste management across the city.



Metro Gate Closed Early, Commuters Inconvenienced

Bengaluru

Commuters at Attiguppe Metro Station faced inconvenience on Wednesday night after staff closed one of the entry gates earlier than scheduled. Around 10 p.m., passenger Ranjith, heading to Indiranagar, attempted to enter through Gate 'A', but was denied entry by security guards. A heated argument ensued between him and the Metro staff. Eyewitnesses alleged that the gate was closed before the official timing, causing trouble to several passengers. The incident has raised questions about Metro staff negligence and commuter management.

Complete the Kanteerava Stadium Stormwater Drain Work: Cholan

The civic amenities must be provided properly and problems solved on priority basis

BENGALURU

Bengaluru Central City Corporation Commissioner Rajendra Cholan has directed officials to expedite and complete the ongoing stormwater drain (SWD) work at Kanteerava Stadium on a priority basis.

During an inspection of several areas within the Corporation limits on Wednesday, the Commissioner noted that waterlogging frequently occurs in and around Kanteerava Stadium during the rainy season. To prevent flooding, work is currently underway to raise the height of the SWD retaining wall. Cholan instructed engineers to ensure the project's early completion and to avoid any further inconvenience to athletes and children using the stadium.

He further emphasized that potholes within the Central City limits must be filled immediately. Damaged roads are being resurfaced with asphalt, and officials have been told to take up bitumen work wherever required.

At Subrahmanya Shastry Road in Kumar Park (West) near Umesh Hotel, the Commissioner observed that drainage water was flowing onto the road, damaging the surface and inconveniencing pedestrians. He ordered immediate corrective measures to prevent further damage and restore the road.

Cholan also inspected roads around Vidhana Soudha, Minsk Square, Shivananda Circle, Cubbon Road, Cubbon Park Metro Station, Palace Road, Race Course Road, and Nripathunga Road, instructing officials to maintain them in good condition ahead of the monsoon. The inspection team included Chief Engineer Vijay Kumar Haridas, Superintending Engineer, Executive Engineers, and officials from the Stormwater Drain Department.

Commissioner's Directive on Unauthorized Constructions

Bengaluru Central City Corporation Commissioner Rajendra Cholan instructed officials to identify and list all unauthorized constructions within the Corporation limits. He emphasized that such structures must be removed in a phased manner and directed authorities to prevent violations at the construction approval stage itself, ensuring stricter urban planning compliance.

Commissioner inspects various areas within City Corporation limits

BENGALURU

Commissioner of Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC), Pommala Sunil Kumar, conducted an extensive inspection of several areas under the Corporation's jurisdiction and later chaired a review meeting with officials at the Sarvagna Nagar Division Office, issuing a series of directions to address civic issues.

During his visit to Jai Bharath Nagar 7th Cross, the Commissioner observed that the Railway Department's construction of a retaining wall and drain had disrupted the natural flow of rainwater into the stormwater drain (SWD). As the roadside drain lies at a lower level than the newly built railway drain, this has resulted in water stagnation problems. Kumar stated that steps would be taken to ensure the BWSSB's underground drainage (UGD) pipeline passes through railway property. A meeting chaired by the Minister for Railways and Power will soon be convened with railway officials to resolve the issue.

At Banaswadi Lake, the Commissioner noted that out of the 48 acres and 34 guntas, the BDA had already developed a layout over 17 acres. He instructed officials to discuss with the Revenue Department to transfer the remaining 25 acres to the Corporation's control.

Further, Kumar directed that the land housing the Ground Level Reservoir (GLR) at Bande Park be handed over to the BWSSB. He also reviewed the progress of the proposed stadium project, for which the BDA has initiated the tender process and opened the technical bids. The Commissioner instructed that construction be taken up through the BNCC, as per directions from the Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Power.

In HBR Layout, Kumar proposed the construction of a 'Prajasoudha' civic complex to bring together all Corporation departments on three acres of Corporation land. He also emphasized the need to allocate designated vending zones for street vendors.

The Commissioner also inspected Vaddarapalya Junction and Hennur Bande areas.

Joint Commissioner Mohammad Naem Momin, Chief Engineer Ranganath, and several executive and assistant engineers accompanied him during the inspection.

'Living with Elderly in Old Age Homes Makes Life Meaningful'

BENGALURU

Living with the cheerful elderly residents of an old age home brings deeper meaning to life than living among the wealthy, said Ramakrishna, President of the Yeshwantpur Constituency Vokkaligara Vedike. He was speaking after hoisting the flag during the 70th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations at the Karnataka Vishwamanava Seva Trust Senior Citizens' Special Spirituality Center in Doddabele, Yeshwantpur constituency. Ramakrishna commended the spirit of the elderly residents who, despite their age, celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with great enthusiasm. The Vokkaligara Vedike, he said, was proud to share in their joy and revive such cherished moments.

State to Regulate Permission for New Resorts near Forests

BENGALURU

In a major policy move to address the rising human-wildlife conflict, the State government has decided to regulate local authorities' powers to grant permissions for new resorts and home stays in and around forest areas.

The decision follows growing public concern after a series of tiger attacks in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts, and criticism over unchecked commercial expansion near protected forests. In recent months, farmers' groups and local communities have staged multiple protests against what they termed the "uncontrolled mushrooming" of private resorts and homestays near forest zones. They alleged that unregulated projects—often sanctioned without proper environmental review—led to illegal road works, bright lighting, and noise, all of which disturb wildlife and push animals into human settlements.

Responding to these concerns, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre last week announced that the government would revisit and regulate the permission process. In a new directive to the Principal Secretary of the Forest Department, he has ordered the formation of a management committee to scrutinise all new proposals for resorts and homestays near forests.

"It has come to our notice that local authorities were granting permissions independently. Henceforth, all such proposals shall be reviewed by the newly constituted management committee, and approvals will be granted only as per the master plan approved by the panel," Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre stated.

Khandre noted that several farmers' organisations had complained about habitat disturbances due to unregulated tourism infrastructure. He stressed that forest protection and community safety must take precedence over commercial interests.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, addressing the media in Mysuru earlier this week, also acknowledged that the increase in human-animal conflicts was linked to unregulated tourism and the surge in safari trips near forest zones.

HC asks Centre to reclassify eateries, tells state to frame rules for vendors

BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court has directed the central government to reclassify food business operators (FBOs) into small, medium, and large restaurants under the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSA) to ensure proper health and hygiene standards. The court, however, declined to interfere with the provisions of the Act and the existing rules framed by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). The bench further instructed the state government to frame specific health and safety regulations for street vendors and food trucks, and to establish a strict monitoring and enforcement mechanism. The order came in response to petitions filed by the Karnataka Pradesh Hotel and Restaurants' Association and the Bruhat Bengaluru Hotels' Association.

Over 7 months on, yet to tap potential of treated wastewater

BENGALURU

More than seven months after plans were unveiled to channel treated wastewater from apartments to lakes and industries, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is yet to make significant progress in turning the initiative into a model of reuse and sustainability. Apartment federations say pilot tenders to connect 20 lakes are still in early stages, even as builders continue to rely on fresh water sources.

"Even after using treated water for flushing and gardening, around 40% remains unused — nearly 60% during monsoon," said Gautam Kamath, board member of Change Makers of Kanakapura. "There are no takers even when it's offered free. The BWSSB's app-based sale system is yet to take off."

Some apartments have independently tied up with nearby parks or industries to distribute surplus water. At Sobha Garnet Apartments in Iblur, an underground pipeline

carries treated water to an adjoining park. "Our STP produces about 20,000 litres of treated water daily. We use around 6,000 litres for gardening and send the rest to the park," said K.G. Mohan, a former association member.

In February, BWSSB floated tenders to supply treated water from apartment sewage treatment plants (STPs) to lakes in south Bengaluru by laying 200mm pipelines to fill Gottigere, Kammanahalli, Begur, and Yelenahalli lakes. Officials said work is underway to connect nearby apartment complexes to lakes, with 14 lakes identified, including Kothanur, Chunchagatta, Begur, and Ganapatipura, and completion expected soon.

Educationists Welcome SSLC Exam Reforms

BENGALURU

Educationists across Karnataka have welcomed the government's recent decision to reform the SSLC examination system, calling it a progressive step toward holistic learning. They emphasized that education should bring out the innate talents of students rather than focus solely on textbook-based marks. Under the revised system, internal marks will now be determined through four short tests and eight project works, conducted over the academic year.

Bengaluru gears up for India's first Startup Park

BENGALURU

India's startup capital is set to take innovation to the next level with the launch of the country's first integrated Startup Park, a landmark initiative designed to fuel entrepreneurship and job creation. The project, spearheaded by Ique Ventures under the leadership of Shafi Shoukath, will be inaugurated on November 7 by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

Located on Hosur Road, Koramangala, the Startup Park aims to support 10,000 startups, create one lakh jobs, and attract ₹50,000 crore in investments by 2030. Envisioned as a one-stop innovation hub, it will provide entrepreneurs with

access to incubation, mentorship, funding, branding, and global networking — all within a single ecosystem.

"The future of startups lies in collaboration, not isolation," said Shoukath at a press conference. "Startup Park isn't just a building; it's Karnataka's growth engine, built to empower entrepreneurs and drive job creation."

The park's incubation programme will offer end-to-end support, including strategic mentoring, investor access, and scaling assistance. Facilities will feature a Startup School, Investor Studio, Pitch Lab, Mentorship Hub, Global Connect Lounge, and Co-working Spaces. Creative and wellness zones such as Podcast Studios, Fab Labs, Green Studios, and a Wellness Zone will further enhance the entrepreneurial environment.

Adding a unique touch, Startup TV, India's first dedicated media platform for startups, will showcase stories of emerging founders, celebrating innovation and inspiring the next generation of entrepreneurs.

BOON FOR FARMERS

Team of IISc boosts pesticide efficiency with liquid marbles

BENGALURU

Farmers often face a major challenge when spraying pesticides—most of the liquid never stays on the leaves. Because plant surfaces are naturally waxy and water-repellent, water droplets tend to roll away or bounce off, reducing the pesticide's effectiveness and contaminating soil and water sources.

Now, a team of scientists at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has found an innovative way to make pesticide sprays

stick better using what they call "liquid marbles" (LMs) — tiny water droplets coated with a layer of hydrophobic particles. This coating prevents evaporation and makes the droplets spread rather than bounce off leaf surfaces.

The idea of liquid marbles was originally developed for laboratory use in chemical and biochemical experiments. But researchers from IISc's Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE), led by Prof. Prosenjit Sen and Rutvik Lathia, a former PhD student now at the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, saw its potential in agriculture.

"Nearly 50% of pesticides are wasted because the droplets don't stick to leaves. Our method allows more of the pesticide to remain on the plant," said Lathia.

To create liquid marbles, the team rolled water droplets over beds of hydrophobic particles. While early trials with materials like glass beads and Teflon worked, they proved harmful to plants. The scientists then turned to biodegradable, organic alternatives such as lycopodium (a plant-based powder) and zein, a corn-derived protein.

Tests on rose leaves coated with Teflon—to simulate waxy plant surfaces—showed that the LMs adhered better and lost more energy on impact compared to ordinary droplets.

Tax Drive Launched for Property Tax Collection: P Sunil Kumar

BENGALURU

Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar has launched a month-long "Tax Drive" campaign across the Corporation limits to collect pending property tax dues and identify under-assessed properties. The initiative, which runs through November, aims to recover arrears from defaulters and ensure accurate assessment of built-up areas for fair taxation.

Under BNCC's jurisdiction, 4,57,951 properties are registered, including 3,36,989 residential, 15,949 non-residential, 23,214 mixed-use, and 81,799 vacant sites. For the current fiscal year, the Corporation has set a property tax collection target of ₹1,242 crore. Of this, ₹548 crore has already been collected, while ₹694 crore remains outstanding. To meet this target, notices are being issued to major tax defaulters, with strict recovery measures underway. The Commissioner emphasized that properties outside the current tax network will be identified and brought under assessment.

QUICK READ

Skill Devpt Policy 2025–32 Launched to Build Future-Ready Workforce

Bengaluru

The Karnataka government launched its Skill Development Policy 2025–32 at the Bengaluru Skill Summit 2025, aiming to create a future-ready workforce and drive inclusive growth. Introduced by the Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood (SDEL), the policy envisions Karnataka as a global talent hub supporting the State's $1 trillion economy goal. Approved by the Cabinet on September 25, the policy involves an outlay of ₹4,432 crore, funded through the Asian Development Bank and public-private partnerships. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said Karnataka's labour strength, marked by 57% participation and 2.4% unemployment, showcases its robust economy. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar added that the policy would equip the State's 1.6 lakh annual engineering graduates for an AI-driven future.

BTM Garbage Campaign Loses Steam, Street Littering Persists

Bengaluru

Despite the GBA's high-profile garbage awareness drive in BTM Layout, roadside dumping continues unabated. The BSWML, which initially grabbed attention by leaving garbage at offenders' doorsteps, has now scaled back to merely levying fines. Taking advantage of the reduced vigilance, residents are once again discarding waste in public spaces. CCTV footage shows a man casually tossing garbage on the roadside, while another is seen dumping a large bed. Locals say the campaign's early momentum has faded, and street littering remains unchecked.

Metro Ticket Machines Break Down, Commuters Face Delays

Bengaluru

Two months after their launch, Namma Metro's QR code ticket machines have stopped working. Installed on a trial basis at Benniganahalli (Tin Factory) and Swami Vivekananda Metro stations, the machines allowed passengers to buy tickets within 30 seconds using PhonePe and Google Pay. However, both machines have now broken down, forcing commuters back into long queues for ticket purchases and recharges. The BMRCL's digital ticketing initiative, once praised for saving time, is now causing inconvenience as crowds return to manual counters.

Makkala Climate Action Sabhe to Empower Young Climate Leaders

A citywide youth-led dialogue on climate action to create awareness among students

BENGALURU

The Climate Action Cell of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) is set to host the "Makkala Climate Action Sabhe–2025" on November 7 at Puttanna Chetty Town Hall, bringing together students from across the city to voice their ideas and solutions for a sustainable future.

This first-of-its-kind youth platform will empower school and PU college students to debate, innovate, and shape Bengaluru's local climate action agenda. The initiative aligns with the GBA's mission to build climate literacy and leadership among youth—encouraging them to propose actionable solutions in key areas such as water, waste, mobility, energy, urban greening, and resilience.

"With the first city-wide 'Makkala Climate Action Sabhe', we are proud to create a platform where young voices lead the dialogue. We warmly invite all educational institutions, civil society stakeholders, media, and the wider public to join us in shaping a greener, resilient future for Bengaluru," said Preeti Gehlot, Special Commissioner, FECC.

A total of 20 finalist institutions have been shortlisted for the final round, ensuring equal representation from all five city corporations. Participants will be evaluated on understanding, critical thinking, clarity of priorities, local relevance, and communication skills.

Discussions will focus on making Bengaluru a climate-resilient city, with young voices highlighting that "climate change is caused by energy production, not energy consumption, and environmental health cannot be commodified—because you can buy fruits and vegetables, but never clean air," said Preeti Gehlot, Special Commissioner of Forest, Environment and Climate Change (FECC).

Gehlot added that Climate Action Clubs are vital drivers of change, and the vision is to establish such clubs in every school and college under the Bengaluru Climate Action Plan.

Decades-old eatery charms with poori, tiffin, hospitality

Mysore Restaurant, Vijayapura – The City's Beloved Spot for Poori and South Indian Breakfast

ADAM MANIYAR, VIJAYAPURA

In the bustling lanes of Vijayapura, where tradition meets taste, one name continues to dominate the breakfast scene Mysore Restaurant. Known for its legendary poori sagu and authentic South Indian tiffin, the eatery has become a morning ritual for countless residents and visitors alike.

From the moment the shutters rise at dawn, the aroma of sizzling dosas and frying pooris fills the air. Within minutes, the restaurant buzzes with families, students, and office goers eagerly waiting for their favorite breakfast. The signature dish hot, crisp pooris paired with lightly spiced potato sagu is served with consistency and care that only years of experience can bring.

"For us, this restaurant is not just a business it's a part of our family," says Mr. Nagesh Shetty the owner of Mysore Restaurant, his voice filled with quiet pride. "I've seen generations of customers grow up here. Some who came as children now bring their own kids for breakfast. When I see familiar faces every morning, it feels like serving our extended family. That's what keeps us going their trust, their smiles, and the love they show for our food." Others echo similar praise. "Their poori sagu and filter coffee are unbeatable," adds Pallav, a visitor from Bengaluru. "Whenever I'm in Vijayapura, this is my first stop."

Nagesh Shetty owner of Mysore restaurant

Mahantesh Biradar

"I've been coming here since my college days," says, Mahantesh Biradar a loyal patron. "The taste hasn't changed one bit it's pure, simple, and made with love. Every bite reminds you of authentic South Indian home food."

The restaurant's charm lies in its consistency, warmth, and traditional touch. The staff greet customers like family, the service is quick, and the food arrives fresh off the stove no shortcuts, no compromises.

Whether you're a longtime resident or a tourist exploring Vijayapura's historical sites, a morning at Mysore Restaurant promises a taste of Karnataka's true culinary soul humble, hearty, and unforgettable.

Kirloskar to invest ₹ 3,000 cr in K'taka, MB Patil announces

BENGALURU

Kirloskar Ferrous Industries is set to invest Rs 3,000 crore in Karnataka over the next three years, announced Minister for Large and Medium Industries MB Patil. The investment aims to strengthen regional industrial infrastructure, create employment, and drive inclusive growth.

During a roadshow with a high-level state delegation, Patil met over ten businessmen to discuss investment opportunities. Several companies, including Wipro Parry, Atlas Copco, Bell Rice Industries, Finolex, and Fluid Controls Limited, expressed interest in expanding or setting up operations in Karnataka. The government assured investors of support in land acquisition, infrastructure, and other facilities. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries, already operating in Hiriyur, plans to upgrade its unit to produce sponge pipes, increase steel production capacity, enhance iron ore processing, and develop its foundry. With 99% of its workforce drawn from Kannadigas, the company contributes to local employment and regional development. Kirloskar has also donated 2% of profits to CSR initiatives over the last two decades, focusing on rural healthcare services.

Three Varthur Police Officers Suspended for Assaulting WB Woman

BENGALURU

Three personnel attached to Varthur Police Station have been suspended following allegations of assaulting a woman from West Bengal. The suspended officers — Crime Branch personnel Sanjay Rathod, Santosh Kudari, and Archana — were placed under suspension by Whitefield Division DCP K. Parashurama.

The ACP of Marathahalli Sub-Division was directed to investigate the charges and submit a detailed report. Based on the findings, disciplinary action was taken, and three staff members were suspended. Additionally, PSI Mounesh Doddamani has been booked under Rule 7 for negligence and lack of supervision, DCP Parashurama confirmed.

The victim, Sundari Bibi (34), a domestic worker from West Bengal, was employed at a residence within Varthur limits. On October 31, while sweeping, she found Rs 100 on the floor and handed it to the house owner. However, the owner alleged that a gold ring and cash were missing and filed a complaint at the Varthur Police Station.

Following the complaint, Sundari and her husband were reportedly taken to the station, where they were brutally assaulted by the police. The couple was released only after a social worker's intervention, but Sundari suffered such severe injuries that she was unable to even walk or use the restroom, according to the complaint.

"The DCP of Whitefield Division has been instructed to conduct a detailed inquiry into the allegation that a woman from West Bengal was inhumanly assaulted by Varthur police personnel. Strict action will follow if the officers are found guilty," said City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh.

The matter gained attention after West Bengal authorities learned of the alleged assault. The West Bengal Chief Minister's Office contacted Sundari and condemned the police's actions. West Bengal MP Sameer Ul assured the victim of legal assistance. Meanwhile, the Karnataka State Women's Commission, taking serious note of the incident, has registered a suo motu case and written to senior police officials seeking stringent action.

Countdown to Nov Revolution, BJP trolls Congress over CM post

BENGALURU

As speculation intensifies over a possible change in Karnataka's Chief Minister post, the BJP has taken a jibe at the Congress, dubbing the anticipated leadership shuffle the "November Revolution." The ruling party appears divided, with tensions simmering between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar over the state's top post.

On social media platform X, the BJP released a satirical video showing a game of musical chairs featuring Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar, Satish Jarkiholi, and G Parameshwara, with the caption: "Countdown to November Revolution begins." The clip mocked what the BJP termed Congress's "power struggle disguised as governance."

Two days ago, Siddaramaiah dismissed internal suggestions of a leadership change, stating in Mysuru, "We must all obey the party high command. I will continue as CM for five years." Yet, speculation continues about a mid-term CM transition in November, coinciding with the halfway point of the Congress government's tenure.

DK Shivakumar's supporters maintain pressure for him to assume the top post, citing his pivotal role in consolidating the party. Political circles in the state point to a possible power-sharing arrangement between CM and DCM as a reason behind the ongoing rumours.

Celebration of Rajyotsava at MC Sarovar Apartments

BENGALURU

A grand celebration of Kannada Rajyotsava was held at MC Sarovar Apartments, near KR Puram RTO Office, Medahalli, Bengaluru East. The event was led by Mr. Vishwanath, Vice President of the Apartment Association, and his wife Mrs. Prathima, who coordinated the day's festivities.

The programme commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony, proudly conducted by senior citizen and respected association member Mr. Channa Keshav. Residents then enjoyed a series of colourful cultural performances by children and women, showcasing the traditions, language, and cultural richness of Karnataka. The entire apartment

community came together in a spirit of unity and pride to mark the 70th Kannada Rajyotsava, making it a memorable and joyous celebration that reflected the true essence of Karnataka's heritage and community bonding.

65-yr-old woman found dead at home, gold chain missing, cops suspect known visitors

BENGALURU

A 65-year-old woman was found murdered at her residence in Uttarahalli on Tuesday evening, with police suspecting the involvement of known visitors. The deceased has been identified as Shrilakshmi, a homemaker. Her gold mangalya chain was found missing, suggesting robbery as a possible motive.

According to the complaint filed by her husband Ashwath Narayan, he left for work around 9:30 am and tried calling his wife several times in the afternoon, but she didn't respond. Growing anxious, he contacted his tenant Paniraj around 5:30 pm and asked him to check on her. When Paniraj's wife visited the

house, she found Shrilakshmi lying motionless on the floor.

Ashwath rushed home and, with neighbours' help, moved her to the bed, only to realise she was dead. He also noticed injuries on her neck, lips, and face, and found her mangalya chain missing.

Shrilakshmi's elder sister Sampathi Lakshmi informed Ashwath that she had spoken to the deceased around 1 pm, during which Shrilakshmi mentioned that a couple had visited her home to check the television connection. She reportedly stepped outside to talk to them. Police suspect the couple could be involved in the crime.

A case has been registered under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at the Subramanyapura police station.

Senior officers said CCTV footage from nearby buildings is being analysed to identify the suspects. "There were no signs of forced entry into the house, suggesting the woman may have known her attackers," a police officer said.

The investigation is underway to trace the couple and ascertain the exact sequence of events leading to the murder.

Domestic worker booked again for gold theft after killing puppy

BENGALURU

The police have registered a second FIR against Pushpalatha, the domestic worker already in judicial custody for brutally killing a puppy, after her employer alleged theft of gold jewelry. The complaint was filed by Rashika, an MBA student living in a rented house at Shobha Dream Garden, Bellali village. Pushpalatha, originally from Tamil Nadu, had been staying at the house for about one and a half months with the owner's permission. The earlier incident occurred on October 31, when Pushpalatha was seen on CCTV violently slamming her pet dog, Goofy, to the ground, killing it instantly.

2 arrested for misappropriation of EPFO employees' credit society funds

BENGALURU

The Cubbon Park police have arrested two individuals in connection with the alleged misappropriation of funds from the EPFO Staff Credit Co-operative Society, which was formed 61 years ago exclusively for EPFO employees.

The accused have been identified as CEO Gopinath and employee Lakshmi Jagadish. Both are currently in police custody and being questioned, while searches are underway at locations linked to the accused.

According to the complaint, the society collected savings from hundreds of employees, giving loans to those in need and paying monthly interest to investors. However, when interest payments were not credited for three consecutive months, investors inspected the society's accounts and discovered that only Rs 3 crore remained. Large sums of funds had allegedly been transferred to unauthorized accounts, prompting investors to lodge a formal complaint with the Cubbon Park police.

PRICE RISE BURDEN

KMF's Nandini Ghee Price Hiked by ₹90 per Kg

BENGALURU

Even as consumers were rejoicing over the recent GST rate reduction, the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) has announced a steep hike in the price of its flagship product, Nandini Ghee, triggering mixed reactions across the state. The federation has increased the retail price by ₹90 per kilogram, taking it from ₹610 to ₹700 per kg, effective immediately.

According to the official circular, the revised ghee prices will take effect from today, while the rates of other Nandini dairy products will remain unchanged.

The sudden increase has sparked widespread debate among consumers, many of whom are already grappling with the rising costs of fuel, transport, and essential commodities. With this revision, the once "soft on pocket" Nandini Ghee now joins the list of products burdening household budgets. Explaining the reason for the price revision, KMF Managing Director Shivaswamy said the

decision was unavoidable due to surging production, procurement, and transport costs. "We have revised the price of Nandini Ghee by ₹90 per kilogram. The new price is ₹700. This decision was taken after carefully assessing rising operational expenses," he stated.

He further clarified that KMF has been passing the benefits of increased milk procurement prices directly to farmers, without diverting the funds to the federation.

"Compared to private brands, our ghee remains cheaper. The direct payments to farmers and higher management and logistics costs necessitated this revision," Shivaswamy explained. Meanwhile, rumours of an impending milk price hike were also addressed by KMF.

"There is no proposal to increase milk prices. The last revision was in April, and the additional amount was directly passed on to farmers," Shivaswamy assured, putting consumer concerns to rest for now.

QUICK READ

₹5 lakh relief for deceased farmer's family

Mandya

A farmer, Manjegowda (55) from Moodanahalli village in K.R. Pete taluk, who had attempted self-immolation at Cauvery Park on Tuesday, succumbed to his injuries at Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru on Wednesday. Agriculture and District In-charge Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy visited the hospital, paid his respects, and consoled the bereaved family. He announced ₹5 lakh compensation for the farmer's family and assured that he would discuss with the Chief Minister to provide additional relief. The minister also promised to conduct a joint land survey regarding Manjegowda's disputed property and, if it does not belong to the Forest Department, to allot it to his family. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumar and other officials were also present.

Student dies by suicide on hostel terrace

Shivamogga

A tragic incident occurred at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Government Post-Matric Girls' Hostel on Kote Road, where a student was found dead by suicide on Wednesday. The deceased has been identified as Vanisha (21) from Gangur in Bhadravathi taluk. She was a final-year B.Sc. student at DVS College. Vanisha was discovered hanging near the water tank on the hostel terrace by fellow students, who immediately alerted the warden. The reason behind her death remains unknown. Police from Kote Station visited the spot, conducted an inspection, and have begun further investigation into the case.

Rowdy-sheeter Prashanth Kalvaru, 2 others held

Bajpe

Police in Bajpe have arrested three accused, including notorious rowdy-sheeter Prashanth Kalvaru alias Pachchu, under the Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act (KCOCA) for allegedly threatening and looting firecrackers. The other accused have been identified as Ganesh and Ashwith. Police said Prashanth, also linked to a Sangh Parivar outfit, faces 14 cases, including murder and four attempted murder charges. Ganesh has four cases against him, two of which involve attempted murder. Though Ashwith had only one earlier case that was closed, he has now been booked for his involvement with the gang in the recent robbery.

Governor urges law students to face global, tech challenges

HUBBALLI

Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot called on law students to stay abreast of global and technological transformations shaping the modern legal landscape. Presiding over the 7th convocation of Karnataka State Law University in Hubballi, he said, "The world is witnessing rapid changes in digital technology, artificial intelligence, cyber law, and data protection. Along with mastering traditional laws, students must also understand these emerging challenges to remain relevant in the evolving justice system."

The Governor emphasized that access to justice is a fundamental right of every citizen and technology plays a crucial role in strengthening it. He cited initiatives such as e-courts, online legal aid, and digital legal education as milestones in making justice more inclusive. "Law students should actively contribute to making our judiciary transparent, accessible, and people-friendly," he said.

Referring to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's vision, Gehlot noted that law should be a vehicle for social transformation. "Dr. Ambedkar viewed law as an instrument of equality and justice. True justice is achieved only when everyone enjoys equal opportunities under the law," he said, urging students to uphold democratic and constitutional values in their professional lives.

Addressing the graduating students, he advised them to balance intellect with integrity and empathy. "Lawyers don't just argue cases; they strengthen justice, discipline, and trust in society. The community expects you to protect the rights of the marginalized and ensure justice for all," he said.

Commending the university's contributions to research and legal education, the Governor congratulated honorary degree recipients Justice (Retd.) S. Abdul Nazeer and senior advocate V. Sudheesh Pai, lauding their service to law and society.

5 guarantee schemes promote dignified living: UT Khader

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Speaker U.T. Khader emphasized that Karnataka's Five Guarantee Schemes aim to ensure dignity, confidence, and self-reliance by directly addressing citizens' welfare, employment, and empowerment needs.

A meeting to review registrations and address grievances under the Karnataka government's Five Guarantee Schemes was held at a private hall near Talapady Gram Panchayat under the auspices of the Taluk-level Implementation Committee and in collaboration with the local panchayat.

Presiding over the event, Legislative Assembly Speaker and local MLA U.T. Khader said the Five Guarantee Schemes were introduced to ensure a life of self-respect and confidence for citizens. The state government's initiative aims to reach benefits to people at the grassroots level, with district and taluk committees monitoring their effective implementation. Khader highlighted that the Gruha Jyothi scheme has prevented electricity disconnections in poor households.

He further noted that educated youth struggling without jobs are receiving ₹3,000 per month through the Yuva Nidhi scheme, while the Shakti initiative allows women to travel free on government buses—fostering empowerment and dignity. He added that economic activity drives overall regional development and announced that self-help groups would be formed among beneficiaries in every village.

Chairperson of the Minorities Development Corporation, Mamatha Gatti, inaugurated the event, emphasizing that Karnataka is the only state in the country offering all five guarantees—unmatched by any previous government. MUDA Chairman Sadashiva Ullal, Taluk President Rafeeq Amblamogaru, and several Congress leaders including Ramesh Boliyar, Mansoor Manchila, and Vaibhav Shetty were present.

District Vice President Surekha welcomed the gathering, and Ashraf K.C. Road and Social Farooq compered the event.

Youth dies amid affair allegations in Chikkaballapur

CHIKKABALLAPUR

A 19-year-old youth allegedly ended his life unable to bear the harassment of a woman with whom he was reportedly in an illicit relationship. The tragic incident occurred in Moodachintalahalli village of Chintamani taluk in Chikkaballapur district. The deceased has been identified as Nikhil Kumar.

Police sources said Nikhil was allegedly involved in a relationship with a 38-year-old woman named Sharada, a divorcee living in the same village with her two children. Despite strong opposition from Nikhil's parents, Sharada reportedly continued to meet him frequently and often took him out of the village. Photos of the two together, suggesting a close relationship, have surfaced and further strengthened suspicions about their affair.

According to reports, the emotional and social pressure arising from the relationship had deeply affected Nikhil. On Tuesday evening, he was found hanging near the Kachahalli lake in Chintamani. The police have registered a case of abetment to suicide following a complaint lodged by Nikhil's parents against Sharada, alleging that her constant pressure and involvement drove their son to take the extreme step.

Mosque construction sparks tension

CHITRADURGA

Tension erupted in Chitradurga's Sadiq Nagar area after a dispute broke out between Hindu and Muslim residents over the construction of a new mosque. The controversy reportedly began after municipal officials allegedly permitted the project without following due legal procedures, prompting strong opposition from Hindu residents and community leaders. The locality, established in 2003 by former Deputy Commissioner M.A. Sadiq to provide housing for poor laborers, consists of around 200 homes, mostly belonging to Hindus. The area already has three Hindu temples, while

about 10–15 Muslim families live there without a mosque. Seeking a place of worship, Muslim leaders purchased private land in the area to build one. However, locals opposed the move, pointing out that two mosques already exist nearby in Saraswatipuram and Suryaputra Circle.

Hindu residents have accused municipal and urban development officials, as well as certain elected representatives, of supporting the "unauthorized" mosque construction. They have brought the issue to the attention of District In-charge Minister Dr. Sudhakar and demanded that the construction be immediately halted.

Municipal Commissioner Lakshmi clarified that while the mosque project had been granted council approval, the necessary public notification and approval process were bypassed. She confirmed that the permission file was found to be irregular and that the ongoing construction has been ordered to stop pending further review.

Minister K.H. Muniyappa launches boating facility

BENGALURU RURAL

Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Minister and District In-charge Minister K.H. Muniyappa inaugurated a newly introduced boating facility at a small lake near the historic Devanahalli Fort. The initiative, launched by the local municipal body, aims to boost tourism and promote water-based recreational activities in the region.

Minister Muniyappa personally took part in the boat ride and expressed his happiness over the new attraction. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the boating facility has been developed to encourage water sports while

ensuring safety for visitors. Necessary precautionary measures, including the provision of life jackets, have been arranged for all participants. He urged the public to enjoy and make use of the new boating opportunity responsibly.

The minister emphasized that such initiatives not only enhance the region's tourism potential but also provide a refreshing recreational space for local residents and visitors.

The event was attended by Bayap President Shanthkumar, Municipal Council President Munikrishna, Vice-President Ravindra, Taluk Guarantee Scheme Chairman Jagannath, K.C. Manjunath, Tahsildar Anil, Municipal Chief Officer Shivamurthy, and several local representatives and officials.

With this initiative, the Devanahalli area—known for its historic significance—is set to gain renewed attention as a destination combining heritage and leisure experiences.

Veeravanite Onake Obavva jayanti celebrations on November 11

CHIKKABALLAPUR

The district administration, zilla panchayat, and the Department of Kannada and Culture, Chikkaballapur, will jointly celebrate Veeravanite Onake Obavva Jayanti on November 11. The programme will begin at 10:30 am with a procession starting from the B.R. Ambedkar statue, passing through the city, and culminating at the Kannada Bhavana. The main event will be held there at 12:30 pm. Higher Education Minister and District In-charge Minister Dr. M.C. Sudhakar will inaugurate the function, while Backward Classes Welfare and Kannada & Culture Minister Shivaraj S. Tangadagi will attend as the chief guest. The event will be presided over by Chikkaballapur MLA Pradeep Eshwar. Other prominent guests include Chikkaballapur MP Dr. K. Sudhakar, Kolar MP M. Munish Babu, legislators S.N. Subbareddy, B.N. Ravikumar, K.H. Puttaswamygowda, Chidananda M. Gowda, M.L. Anil Kumar, and D.T. Srinivas. Dr. H. Narasimhaiah, chairman of the Science, Education, and Cultural Development Authority, N.H. Shivamreddy, chairman of the City Development Authority, Karnataka Janapada Academy president Gelisali Shilanasahad, and other district officials will also participate.

OVER 1,900 LECTURERS AWAIT PENDING EVALUATION PAYMENT

BENGALURU

More than 1,900 pre-university lecturers in Karnataka are yet to receive their honorarium for evaluating II PU examination papers for the 2025–26 academic year. The Karnataka Pre-University College Lecturers' Association revealed that the government still owes around ₹13.5 crore in dues.

Association President Ningegowda A.H. stated that lecturers have not been compensated despite repeated appeals. "The government must release the payment for 1,908 evaluators. We will submit letters to the Deputy Commissioners of all 31 districts on November 7, urging immediate action," he said. If the issue remains unresolved, the Association plans to hold a one-day protest at Freedom Park in Bengaluru within 20 days.

Ningegowda criticised the education department for implementing major decisions without consulting lecturers or principals. He highlighted that conducting three rounds of PU-II exams in June—while simultaneously promoting a new batch from PU-I—has created additional workload and pressure on teachers.

He added that lecturers must now handle extra classes for the new academic batch while managing exam duties. "No other board, including CBSE, conducts three rounds of exams. Earlier, lecturers had 45 days of summer holidays and 15 days for Dasara, but now there are none," he lamented. The constant work, he said, has led to growing mental stress among teaching staff across the state.

Municipality regulates feeding of stray dogs in public spaces

UDUPI

The Udupi City Municipality has issued a directive urging residents not to feed stray dogs in public or unauthorized areas such as roads, drains, school premises, bus stands, or crowded localities. The decision follows multiple complaints about stray dog feeding practices across the city.

To ensure the activity is carried out responsibly, the municipality has designated specific locations where citizens may lawfully feed stray dogs. These include areas behind Beedinagudde Rudrabhoomi

and Adi Udupi Market, opposite Indrali Rudrabhoomi, near Parkala Welcome Arch, the Nittur sewage treatment plant, Raj Fish Mill, and the helipad on Adi Udupi–Malpe Road. Other approved spots include below the Bharatiya Vikas Trust on Perampalli Main Road, near Vijaya Veer Sangha in Bailur, and the Narayana Nagar turn in Kakkunje.

WOMEN SLAM SIT

Women's Commission expresses displeasure with SIT

BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Women's Commission has once again intervened in the Dharmasthala Burude case, where numerous skeletons were reportedly found buried in the village. Expressing dissatisfaction with the Special Investigation Team's (SIT) probe, the commission has formally sought details about investigations into alleged incidents of rape and missing women linked to the case. Chairperson Dr. Nagalakshmi Chaudhary has written to the authorities, urging immediate action or disclosure of findings if such investigations have already been carried out.

Questions Raised Over SIT's Investigation

In its letter, the Women's Commission noted that the SIT's inquiry appeared limited to statements made by a person named Chinnayya, who testified in court about human remains being unearthed. The commission questioned why the investigation was confined to that statement instead of exploring wider issues such as identifying the skeletal remains, determining causes of death, and verifying whether any belonged to women. It also emphasized the need to uncover reasons for discovering bones in forested areas and to probe any unnatural or suspicious deaths in the region.

Commission's Appeal and Court's Latest Order

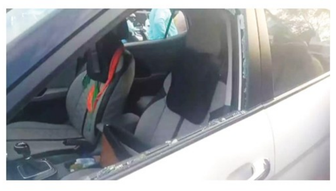
The commission urged that, as per the state government's earlier orders, the SIT must comprehensively investigate all cases of women's disappearance, sexual assault, and suspected murders. Meanwhile, in a separate development, the Karnataka High Court—under Justice Mohammad Nawaz—has granted temporary relief to the accused in the Burude gang case, staying the SIT probe until November 12 following petitions filed by Girish Mattannanavar, Mahesh Shetty Timarodi, Jayanth T., and Vittal Gowda.

Rs 2 lakh stolen by breaking car window

KUNDAPUR

In a daring daylight theft, unidentified miscreants stole Rs 2 lakh in cash after smashing the window of a parked car at Tallur near Kundapur on Tuesday evening.

The victim, Gundu Shetty, a contractor from Kenchanur, had reportedly withdrawn Rs 2 lakh from a bank in Tallur and placed the money inside his car's dashboard. He parked the vehicle in front of a residential complex near Tallur town and went to his rented house nearby. When he returned about 10 to 15 minutes later, he was



shocked to find the car's right-side window shattered and the cash missing. The theft occurred in a busy area close to Tallur Junction, surrounded by residential apartments, commercial buildings, and public transport stands. The bold nature of the incident in broad daylight has sparked anxiety among residents and shopkeepers in the locality.

QUICK READ

Applications invited for 'Akkapade' project vacancies

Bengaluru Rural

The Department of Women and Child Development has invited applications from eligible women NCC candidates to fill five vacant posts under the "Akkapade" project in the district. Interested candidates must collect and submit their applications by November 13 at the Office of the Deputy Director, Department of Women and Child Development, Room No. 206, 2nd Floor, District Administrative Building, Beerasandra Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli. Applicants must be women aged between 35 and 45 years holding an NCC 'C' Certificate and be physically fit. Local residents will be given preference.

Adhirnar Swirnar visits Chikkaballapur Agri dept

Chikkaballapur

S.S. Abid, a senior official from the Joint Agriculture Department, visited Chikkaballapur district to review ongoing agricultural initiatives and provide guidance to local officers. During the visit, he assessed the implementation of various crop development and farm management programs aimed at enhancing productivity and supporting farmers. Abid, who has previously conducted inspections in Chamrajanagar district, emphasized the importance of effective planning, timely execution, and close monitoring of departmental projects. Earlier, he had also reviewed similar initiatives in Kolar.

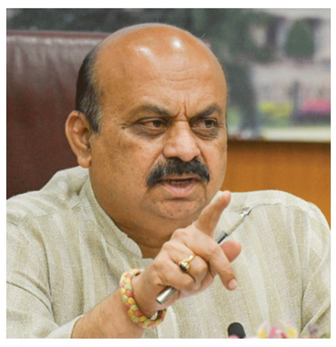
Bommai urges CM to provide fair price for sugarcane farmers

Former Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai has demanded urgent government intervention to ensure sugarcane farmers receive a fair price of ₹3,500 per tonne

BENGALURU

Senior BJP leader and former Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to take immediate action to ensure that sugarcane farmers receive a fair procurement price of ₹3,500 per tonne. He suggested that sugar factories pay ₹3,300 per tonne, while the state government contribute ₹200 per tonne to meet the farmers' demand. Alleging that several ministers have vested interests in the sugar industry, Bommai appealed to the Chief Minister to personally intervene and resolve the crisis.

For the seventh consecutive day, sugarcane farmers across north Karnataka—particularly in Belagavi, Bagalkote, and Haveri districts—have been



protesting to demand a higher procurement price. The agitation has gained widespread support from farmer associations, students, and opposition parties, with several key routes in Belagavi blocked on Tuesday.

Bommai criticised Siddaramaiah for "ignoring farmers' concerns" and being "preoccupied with political calculations." He pointed out that the issue of sugarcane pricing recurs annually, despite factories earning additional income from by-products such as ethanol and electricity.

The former Chief Minister stressed that this additional revenue enables factories to pay farmers the rate they are demanding.

Under the law, the state government has the power to fix sugarcane prices, Bommai said, urging it to issue an order matching the farmers' request. He added that Karnataka earns around ₹27,000 crore from sugar and its by-products, making it feasible for the government to bear a part of the cost. Bommai further proposed Power Purchase Agreements similar to Maharashtra's, allowing factories to earn higher returns and support farmers better.

Farmers protest enters seventh day

BELAGAVI

The ongoing protest by sugarcane farmers in Belagavi demanding a fair support price has entered its seventh day, with farmers continuing their sit-in through cold nights on the Gurulapur Cross National Highway. Demonstrating solidarity, several BJP leaders, including BY Vijayendra, joined the farmers and spent the night with them in the open, enduring the biting cold. Farmers, who have left behind their homes and fields, are now living on the highway—cooking, eating, and sleeping there as their agitation continues.

Awareness drive for Anganwadi workers on int'l adoption month

CHITRADURGA

As part of International Adoption Month, an awareness programme was organised for Anganwadi workers at the District Bal Bhavan Hall by the Department of Women and Child Development. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Director Vijay Kumar emphasized that every child has the right to grow up in a family environment, which provides essential love, care, and emotional stability. Adoption, he noted, plays a vital role in rehabilitating orphaned, abandoned, and surrendered children under the Child Protection Directorate's initiatives.

District Child Protection Officer Prem Kumar stated that November 2025 is being observed as International Adoption Month to raise awareness on lawful adoption and to discourage illegal child trafficking. He cautioned that illegal adoption or child sale is a serious offence under Sections 80 and 81 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 — punishable with up to five years in prison and a fine of ₹1 lakh. If hospital authorities are involved, the imprisonment may extend to seven years.

Prem Kumar urged Anganwadi workers to report any cases of orphaned or abandoned children in their areas to the District Child Protection Unit or Child Helpline 1098. Posters highlighting the message "Child Sale is a Punishable Crime" were released on the occasion.

Public cooperation essential for pollution control: Min

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Active public participation is crucial for effective pollution control and environmental protection, said Planning and Statistics Minister and District Incharge Minister D. Sudhakar. He was speaking after inaugurating the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) at the Government Science College grounds in Chitradurga, jointly organised by the district administrations of Chitradurga and Shivamogga and the KSPCB regional offices.

The minister recalled the contribution of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who introduced landmark legislations for environmental protection and established the Pollution Control Boards in 1974. He urged citizens to extend their full support to achieve a pollution-free Karnataka.

Minister D. Sudhakar stressed that strong public cooperation is vital to curb pollution, safeguard the environment, and ensure a sustainable future for coming generations

KSPCB Chairman P.M. Narendra Swamy highlighted the need to preserve forests, improve air quality, and reduce industrial and water pollution. He warned that failure to act now would endanger future generations. He explained that the Golden Jubilee aims to spread environmental awareness across the state through district- and constituency-level activities, essay and art contests, and social media campaigns like "Create Reels on Environment and Win". During the event, individuals and organisations contributing significantly to environmental conservation were honoured with the Indira Priyadarshini Environment Award. Retired Justice Subhash Adi, chairperson of the State Green Tribunal Committee, emphasized that protecting air, water, and forests is a constitutional duty and vital for the planet's survival. The ceremony concluded with the collective reading of the Preamble to the Constitution and the distribution of awards to students for environmental competitions.

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया / **Union Bank of India**
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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, Bannerghatta Road Branch(11961)** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand notice dated **16.08.2025** calling upon **Borrowers / Guarantors- 1) M/s Corporate Wheels 2) Mr. Pradeep Mohaty and 3) Mrs. Pramila** and both residing at Flat No.T4. 3rd Floor, SGS Highland, Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri, Bangalore-560098 and **4) Mr N Rama Murthy residing at** Flat No.106 "Krishna Residency", No.37 & 38, Vara Garden, Uttarahalli Main Road, Channasandra, opp Mantri Alpyne, Subramanyapura, Bangalore 560061, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 40,79,615.97/- (as on 14.08.2025)** together with and further interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules 2002 on this **3rd November of Year 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Bannerghatta Road Branch(11961)** for an amount **Rs. 40,79,615.97/-(as on 14.08.2025)** and further interest/charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to the borrower to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable Property:

All that piece and parcel of house property Flat No. T4 , third floor , "SGS Highland", site no 18, Present BBMP Khatha No.1037/240/4/1, converted land Sy. No.240/4, Measuring super built up area 1120 square feet and undivided share 246 square feet situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on the East by : Road West, by: Land belongs to Sy No.241, North by: 60 Feet road, South by : Land belongs to Sy. No.240/3.

Date : 03.11.2025
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

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This is to inform to General public that my client Smt.Ayisha W/o Syed Nawaz, Residing at 840/1,Haidhari Nagara, Mulabagilu Town and Taluk, Kolar District, I am the Owner of the Below said Property,while Sale Deed for taken Certified copy ,have lost following Document of property pertating to below Mentioned property Situated at 840/1,Haidhari Nagara, Mulabagilu Town and Taluk, Kolar District , had published the factum of lost of her Original Sale Deed, Regd Sale Deed ,Executed by Sri.Aslam Khan S/o Akbar Khan ,In Favour of Sri.M S Nawaz Ahmed S/o A Abdul Suban, In regd as Book No.1,Volume No.MBL-1-01333-2015-16,CD No.MBLD175,In regd before of the SRO Mulabagilu, in Respect of Katha Assessment no.3557/1, in Measuring 70x30 feets, in Which 40x30 feets,and Regd Sale Deed ,Executed by Sri.M S Nawaz Ahmed S/o A Abdul Suban,In Favour of Sri. Mohammed Imran S/o Mohammed Haneef, In regd as Book No.1,Volume No.MBL-1-01862-2017-18,CD No.MBLD233,In regd before of the SRO Mulabagilu,police complaint have been filed with regards to loss of the above said Document vide complaint in NCR NO. Lost Report no.1887270/2025, DATED;-05-11-2025, and complaint dated;-05-11-2025, by respective person,if anybody finds these Document please inform within 7 Days in Below mentioned Address.

Place;-Chinthamani,
Date;-05-11-2025

K.S.HARISH KUMAR
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, RACHEL GRACE MATHAI (old name), a resident of NO 1204, 16TH MAIN 12TH CROSS, OPPOSITE GOVERMENT HIGH SCHOOL, SRINAGAR, BENGALURU - 560050 KARNATAKA, INDIA, have changed my name to RACHEL MATHAI (NEW Name) vide affidavit dated 04-11-2025, sworn advocate and notary Mohammed Hussain K.

NAME CHANGE

I, **TASMIYA ANJUM M** W/o. Sajjad Pasha Resident of No.44 1st Cross, Pragathipura, J P Nagar 1st stage, Banashankari 2nd stage post, Bengaluru-560 070, have changed my name to **TASMIYA ANJUM** Vide Affidavit Dated: 04.10.2025 before notary R. BASAVARAJA, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, **NEHA SURESH MEGHWANI**, resident of Balaji Bhavan, No.7, 5th Main, 6th Cross, Near PSR Residency, Ganganagar Extension, Bengaluru - 560032. Have changed my name to **NEHA MEGHWANI**, vide affidavit dated: 05.11.2025, before Notary R.BASAVARAJA, Bengaluru.

IN THE COURT OF THE 2ND ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI
C.Mis.No.414/2025
BETWEEN:- Sri. Anjinappa ...Petitioner
AND:- Tahasildar, Devanahalli. ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client Sri. Anjinappa have filed the above petition for the death certificate of one Pillamma W/o late. Muniyappa was died on 15-06-1984 at Alurududdanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District if any perties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble 2nd Additional Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli and the date hearing on 29.12.2025 at 11.00 A.M in Crl Mis. No.414/2025.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & JMFC Court Devanahalli

Thanking you: Address for service:
Sri. Narasimhamurthy.K Advocate, Office at No.58, J.M.Ardade, Sulibele Road, Shanthinagar, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District.

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1	KSP/2025-26/IND0354	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of DPIS to Bengaluru city Traffic East Division	07/11/25
2	KSP/2025-26/IND0355	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of DPIS to Bengaluru city Traffic West Division	10/11/25
3	KSP/2025-26/IND0357	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of DPIS to Bengaluru city Traffic North Division	11/11/25
4	KSP/2025-26/IND0359	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of DPIS to Bengaluru city Traffic South Division	12/11/25
5	KSP/2025-26/IND0356	Manufacturing and Supply of RRBF to Bengaluru city Traffic Police	10/11/25
6	KSP/2025-26/SE0082	Consultancy Services for Providing Public Outreach & Digital Coordination Services for a period of 1 year	12/11/25

ಆಸಕ್ತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಸ್ತವೇಜನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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No.Reg. K.V.C/Outsourcing Services/Tender-22/2025-26 Date: 05.11.2025

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-Tender Notification for Procurement of Manpower on outsourcing from Manpower Agencies is published in E- Procurement portal.

Tender Publication Date: **05.11.2025**, Last date for receipt of Tender Date: **20.11.2025**

For further details contact: Karnataka Public Procurement Portal or Karnataka Veterinary Council, Hebbala, Bangaluru- 560 024. Ph: 080-23516740/9480355701

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No.CESC/GM(Coml)/DGM(RA-1)/AGM(RA-1)/2025-26/24389 Date: 04.11.2025

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Sub: In the matter of the Review Petition No.RP08/2025 filed by Electricity Supply Companies (ESCOMs) seeking modification to the tariff rates in respect of Irrigation pump sets, commercial and Industrial consumer categories.

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) has scheduled hybrid public hearing on **12.11.2025 at 11:00 AM** at Commissions Court Hall, Bengaluru in the matter of Review petition (RP-08 of 2025) filed by ESCOMs seeking modification to the tariff rates in respect of Irrigation pump sets, commercial and Industrial consumer categories and the hearing will be conducted in hybrid mode, both physical and online/virtual mode.

Interested stakeholders/general public who are interested to represent through online/virtual mode of hearing shall submit their names, Email IDs and phone numbers to the Commission's registry through e-mail id**: asst.secykerc@gmail.com** between 11.00AM and 5.00PM on or before 10.11.2025.

For such stakeholders/public coming under Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC) jurisdictions, who are unable to attend the hearing physically or through individual on line appearance, may participate Virtual Public Hearing arranged at Corporate Office Conference Hall, CESC, Vijayanagar 2nd stage, Hinkal, Mysuru.

DIPR/MYSORE/11/SSC/2025-26

Sd/- General Manager (Commercial), Corporate Office, CESC, Mysuru.

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ಸಂ.ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ವಿ)/ಲೋ.ಇ/ವಿದ್ಯುತ್/2025-26/2000 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.11.2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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Sl. No.	Work Indents	Work Value (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	PWD/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT28339	33.72
2	PWD/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT28335	33.45

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ಸಂ.ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ವಿ)/ಲೋ.ಇ/ವಿದ್ಯುತ್/2001/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.11.2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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1	Providing DG Set, Street light, High Mast Light and Transformer to the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Residential School at Avinahalli Village in Sagara Taluk in the work of Construction of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Residential School at Avinahalli in Sagara Taluk. PWD/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT24136	ರೂ. 39.82 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
2	Shifting of Pole, 11 KV/LT lines and DTCs due to widening of Rampura Malaluru KR Pete Road from KM 0.00 to km 3.00 in Mugthihally Section RSD Chikkamagalur PWD/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT26230	ರೂ. 28.25 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
3	Shifting of Pole, HT/LT and DTCs Due to widening of road from Tegur Bridge to Murarji School 0.00 km to 3.5 Km in Mugthihally at Chikkamagalur PWD/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT27743	ರೂ. 29.86 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು

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QUICK READ

EC rejects Rahul's rigging claim in Haryana

NEW DELHI

The Election Commission has dismissed Rahul Gandhi's claim of vote manipulation in Haryana as baseless. An EC source said no objections were raised by Congress booth-level agents (BLAs) during the revision of electoral rolls to prevent duplicate entries. Gandhi had alleged that the 2019 Haryana Assembly polls were rigged in favour of the BJP, claiming 25 lakh fake votes through duplicate, invalid, and bulk voters, including those allegedly voting in both Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

Don't exaggerate 'poverty eradication': Gopi to Kerala govt

THRISSUR

Minister of State for Tourism Suresh Gopi on Wednesday said that ending extreme poverty is a people's right, not an act of generosity. He cautioned that such claims should not be exaggerated or used to mislead the public for political gain. Responding to questions on Kerala's recent declaration of eradicating extreme poverty, Gopi said the achievement is welcome if true but warned against using false figures to gain power. The Congress has termed the state's announcement "pure fraud."

Mumbai monorail tilts during test run

MUMBAI

A monorail tilted near Wadala Depot in Mumbai during a test run on Wednesday. The train had only a captain and one rail staff onboard, with no passengers. Authorities have not commented on the cause of the incident. The mishap comes months after monsoon-related disruptions had suspended services. A union leader at the site alleged that frequent monorail accidents could be linked to staff changes, including the removal of experienced workers and hiring of new personnel.

India-Japan tie up anchors Indo-Pacific stability: EAM

Jaishankar says both countries must leverage their strengths in emerging fields such as AI, semiconductors, critical minerals, clean energy, and space tech.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Both nations must focus on leveraging their strengths, bolstering supply chains, and investing in artificial intelligence, semiconductors, critical minerals, clean energy and space.
- The India-Japan partnership has evolved to meet changing global realities and now spans a wide range of areas—from defence and economic security to technology and clean energy
- The Action Plan for Human Resource Cooperation and Exchange will help foster deeper societal understanding between the two countries.

NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, speaking at the 8th India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum on Wednesday, underscored the deepening partnership between India and Japan and its crucial role in ensuring strategic stability and global economic growth.

He noted that as two major democracies and maritime nations, both countries share a greater responsibility in maintaining a free, open, and stable Indo-Pacific region.

He highlighted key collaborative initiatives such as the Next Generation Mobility Partnership, Economic Security Initiative, Joint Crediting Mechanism, Joint Declaration on Clean Hydrogen and Ammonia, and the MoU on Mineral Resources. He said these initiatives reflect the evolving and dynamic nature of the bilateral relationship, which adapts to changing global realities.

Referring to recent high-level exchanges, Jaishankar pointed out that Prime Minister Modi's visit to Japan and his discussions with Prime Minister Takaichi have laid the foundation for the next decade of cooperation. The eight priority pillars and investment target of 10 trillion Yen underline the ambitious scope of the partnership.

He also emphasised the growing importance of people-to-people ties through the Action Plan for Human Resource Cooperation and Exchange, which aims to strengthen social and cultural understanding between the two nations.

Jaishankar said India and Japan must leverage their strengths in emerging fields such as artificial intelligence, semiconductors, critical minerals, clean energy, and space. He reaffirmed that the India-Japan partnership, rooted in trust, continues to evolve as a cornerstone for regional stability and global prosperity.

EAM S Jaishankar's likely to visit Canada next week

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is expected to visit Canada next week, though the exact dates are yet to be confirmed, sources said. The visit coincides with the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting scheduled on November 11–12 in Ontario's Niagara region, led by Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand to discuss security, prosperity, and global cooperation. Meanwhile, Canadian PM Mark Carney highlighted his government's efforts to strengthen ties with India.

China extends hand to India to tackle air pollution

Beijing says it is ready to share its successful strategies that helped clear smog in its major cities as Delhi continues to struggle with poor air quality.

NEW DELHI

China has offered to assist India in tackling its severe air pollution crisis, especially in Delhi and nearby areas.

The Chinese Embassy in India stated on X that Beijing is willing to share its successful experience in curbing pollution, having reduced smog levels drastically in cities like Beijing and Shanghai.

Chinese Embassy spokesperson Yu Jing said, "China once struggled with severe smog, too. We stand ready to share our journey toward blue skies — and believe India will get there soon."

Delhi's air quality saw a slight improvement on Wednesday morning, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) at 228, down from 291 on November 4.

However, the air remained in the "poor" category, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). Areas like Anand Vihar (279), ITO (274), and Sirifort (263) continued to record unhealthy air levels. China faced similar pollution challenges a decade ago but launched an aggressive campaign in 2013 to combat the crisis.

The government spent over USD 100 billion on measures such as shutting down polluting factories, restricting old vehicles, and transitioning from coal to natural gas. It also launched massive tree-planting drives, adding over 35 billion trees across 12 provinces under the "Great Green Wall" initiative.

These efforts have significantly improved air quality, giving Beijing over 100 more clear-sky days each year compared to a decade ago.

China now spends more on forestry per hectare than the US and Europe, showing its commitment to cleaner air and a greener future.

TN POLLS 2026

Vijay named CM face, TVK to go solo

CHENNAI

Bringing weeks of political speculation to an end, actor-turned-politician Vijay was on Wednesday declared the Chief Ministerial candidate of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) for the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections. The party also authorised him to take all decisions regarding possible alliances, signalling its readiness to contest independently. The announcement came during a special general council meeting held at a private hotel in Mahabalipuram under Vijay's leadership. Dressed in his trademark white shirt and stubbled look, Vijay presided over the meeting attended by more than 2,000 general council members, district secretaries, and office-bearers from across the State.

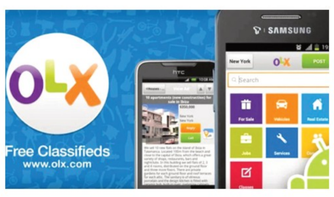
The session began on a sombre note with a two-minute silence for the 41 people who lost their lives in the stampede at TVK's Karur rally on September 27. Calling it a "painful lesson," the party vowed to ensure better safety arrangements at future events.

During the meeting, the council adopted 12 key resolutions addressing social, political, and economic concerns. The resolutions highlighted the repeated arrests of Tamil Nadu fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy, the growing threat to women's safety following the Coimbatore sexual assault case, and urged the Election Commission to stop the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, citing fears of voter exclusion.

The party also criticised both the DMK government and the BJP-led Centre for "failing to protect Tamil interests" and demanded a White Paper on industrial investments to promote transparency. Reaffirming faith in its leader, the council declared Vijay as "the CM candidate loved by all sections," and authorised him to make all key electoral decisions ahead of the 2026 polls.

CM intoxicated by power, but TVK will romp home in 2026 TN polls: Vijay

MAHABALIPURAM : Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) president Vijay on Wednesday lashed out at Chief Minister MK Stalin, accusing him of making "slanderous remarks" in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and engaging in "politics of hatred." Addressing a Special General Committee Meeting here, he said, "We have been living in deep pain and sorrow all these days - indescribable pain. In such a situation, it was our duty to stand by the hearts of our own people who were affected."



Maha cops warn people against rising fake property listings

MUMBAI

The Maharashtra Cyber Police have issued a strong warning to citizens about an increase in fake property listings on popular online platforms.

They urged the public not to trust deals that seem too good to be true or get influenced by attractive photos and unusually low rents.

According to an advisory released on Tuesday, cybercriminals are posing as landlords or real estate agents and demanding advance payments through UPI or bank transfers. These fraudsters are reportedly using sites like OLX, Facebook Marketplace, and WhatsApp to cheat unsuspecting people. Police said that after a few initial conversations, scammers often claim that physical visits to the property are not possible because "the owner is abroad." They then ask for advance payments to "block" the deal.

Bilaspur train collision: Death toll rises to 11

BILASPUR

The death toll in the train collision near Bilaspur railway station in Chhattisgarh has risen to 11, with bodies recovered from the mangled wreckage.

The accident occurred around 4 pm on Tuesday when a passenger MEMU train from Gevra rammed into a stationary goods train near Bilaspur.

According to railway officials, the collision was so severe that one coach of the passenger train mounted a wagon of the goods train.

Twenty passengers were injured, several of them seriously, and were rushed to Apollo Hospital and the Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS) in Bilaspur.

Railway officials said the passenger train hit the goods train from behind at a speed of about 60 to 70 kmph after overshooting a red signal.

Loco pilot Vidya Sagar was among those killed, while assistant loco pilot Rashmi Raj sustained serious injuries. The goods train's guard jumped out moments before impact and suffered minor injuries.

The Railways announced a compensation of ₹10 lakh each for families of the deceased, ₹5 lakh for the seriously injured, and ₹1 lakh for those with minor injuries.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai expressed grief and announced additional state compensation of ₹5 lakh for families of the dead and ₹50,000 for the injured. A detailed investigation has been ordered by the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) to determine the cause and prevent such incidents in the future.

UP enforces law allowing 12-hour workdays

LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh government has enforced the Factories (Amendment) Act after receiving President Droupadi Murmu's approval, paving the way for faster industrial growth, higher production, and more jobs, officials said on Tuesday.

Under the amended law, the state government can now extend the maximum daily working hours in factories to 12 hours, as long as the total weekly limit does not exceed 48 hours. Workers can also perform up to six hours of continuous duty without a break, provided they give written consent.

The amendment also allows the government to increase the quarterly overtime limit from 75 hours to 144 hours in case of exceptional workload. Employees working beyond the prescribed daily limit will receive double wages for overtime work.

A major change under the new Act is the inclusion of a provision that permits women employees to work night shifts, but only with their written consent and under strict safety and health measures. According to Principal Secretary (Labour) Atul Srivastava, this reform will make Uttar Pradesh more attractive for industrial investment and help the state move closer to its target of becoming a USD 1 trillion economy.

The government said the updated law reflects its aim to modernise labour practices, support flexible work arrangements, and boost productivity while ensuring workers' rights and safety remain protected under the new regulations.

CM showcases Odisha's maritime glory

BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Wednesday said that the 'Boita Bandana' and 'Bali Jatra' festivals, observed during Kartika Purnima, are not just celebrations but proud symbols of Odisha's ancient maritime legacy and the adventurous spirit of the Sadhabas—Odia traders who once sailed across seas for trade.

Speaking at the Boita Bandana Utsav 2025 at Paradip Port, Majhi said these festivals reflect the courage and enterprise of ancient Odias and continue to inspire today's generation to achieve greater heights through patience and determination.

Highlighting Odisha's maritime progress, he said Paradip Port has become one of India's largest and most vital ports. "In 2015, it handled 71 million tonnes of cargo, which has now risen to 150 million tonnes in 2025. Paradip Port is the gateway to modern Odisha's progress and the Konark of its economy," he remarked.

Under the "Maritime India Vision 2030," Paradip Port's capacity will expand to 300 million tonnes, and by "Viksit Bharat 2047," it will become a mega port with a 500 million-tonne capacity. Majhi also announced plans for a new port at Bahuda in Ganjam district with an investment of ₹21,500 crore and a shipbuilding and repair yard at the mouth of the Mahanadi River worth ₹24,700 crore.

Cong leader booked for casteist slur

CHANDIGARH : Punjab Police on Wednesday filed an FIR against state Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring for allegedly making casteist remarks against former Union Home Minister, the late Buta Singh. The complaint was lodged by Buta Singh's son, Sarabjot Singh Sidhu. Warring has been charged under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023, and Sections 3(1)(u) and 3(1)(v) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The alleged remarks were made during a campaign event in Tarn Taran for the Congress candidate ahead of the November 11 Assembly bypoll. The Ludhiana MP allegedly commented on the late leader's skin colour, sparking strong criticism. Responding to the controversy, Warring said he had the utmost respect for Buta Singh, describing him as a "fatherly figure," and clarified that his words were never intended to offend anyone.

WOMEN WELFARE PUSH

12 states raise spending on UCT schemes for women

NEW DELHI

Twelve Indian states are expected to spend a combined ₹1.68 lakh crore on unconditional cash transfer (UCT) schemes for women in 2025–26, according to a new report by PRS Legislative Research. This marks a significant rise from just two states offering such schemes three years ago.

The report highlighted that six of these states are projecting a revenue deficit, suggesting growing fiscal pressure due to expanding welfare payouts. However, if spending on women's cash schemes is excluded, the financial situation of these states shows improvement.

UCT schemes provide monthly cash support to women from low-income households to boost their financial independence. Beneficiaries are generally selected based on income levels, age, and social criteria. States such as Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, and Karnataka are among the largest implementers through their Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam, Ladli Behna Yojana, and Gruha Lakshmi schemes, respectively, offering ₹1,000–₹1,500 per month. Assam and West Bengal have also increased allocations by 31% and 15%.

The report, however, cautioned that these initiatives are straining state finances. Karnataka's deficit of 0.6% of GSDP could turn into a 0.3% surplus without UCT expenses, while Madhya Pradesh's surplus could rise from 0.4% to 1.1%.

The Reserve Bank of India has warned that rising subsidies for women, youth, and farmers may reduce funds for development projects. To balance budgets, Maharashtra trimmed payouts under its CM Ladki Bahin Yojana, while Jharkhand raised benefits under the CM Maiyan Samman Yojana.

‘Wave in NDA’s favour; one-thirds majority for sure’

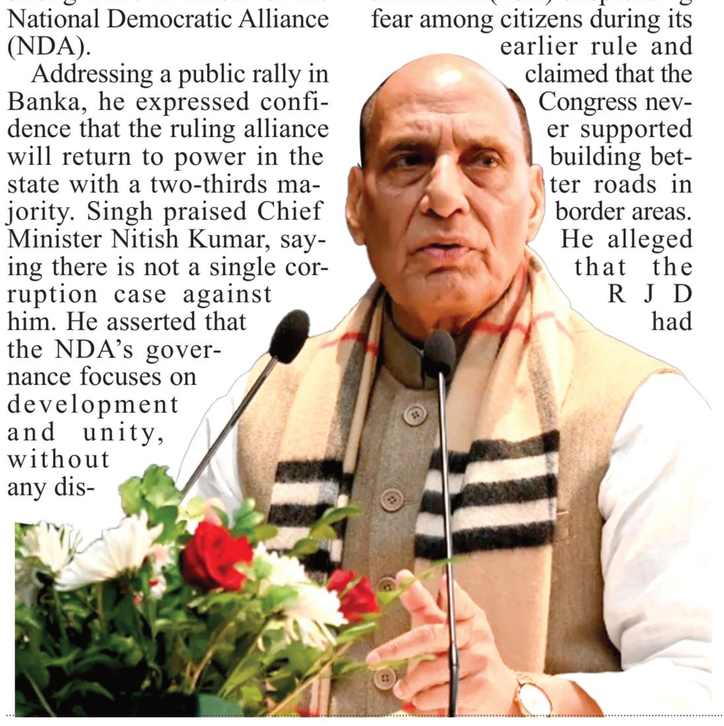
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh says the ruling alliance will retain power in the state; realise its only deam of ‘Viksit Bihar’

‘No space for discrimination on caste, creed or religious lines in BJP’

BANKA

A day before the first phase of the Bihar Assembly elections, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh claimed that there is a strong wave in favour of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

Addressing a public rally in Banka, he expressed confidence that the ruling alliance will return to power in the state with a two-thirds majority. Singh praised Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, saying there is not a single corruption case against him. He asserted that the NDA’s governance focuses on development and unity, without any discrimination based on caste, creed, or religion. “Our only goal is to build a ‘Viksit Bihar’,” the Minister said.



Criticising the opposition, Singh accused the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) of spreading fear among citizens during its earlier rule and claimed that the Congress never supported building better roads in border areas. He alleged that the RJD had ignored Bihar’s development needs.

Singh also praised the Indian armed forces for the successful “Operation Sindoor,” launched after the Pahalgam terror attack in April that killed 26 people. “Operation Sindoor has been halted, not stopped. If terrorists dare to attack again, India will give a strong response,” he said.

With polling set to begin soon, Singh’s remarks aim to energize NDA supporters and highlight the government’s achievements ahead of the crucial Bihar elections.

Nadda terms Bihar under RJD rule ‘Andhera Yug’

BIHAR

Union Minister and BJP National President JP Nadda on Wednesday took a sharp jibe at the RJD, calling its rule in Bihar an “Andhera Yug” or period of darkness.

Speaking ahead of the first phase of Bihar Assembly elections, he claimed that the state now enjoys 24-hour electricity supply, unlike earlier when power was available for only two hours a day.

Addressing a public meeting, Nadda highlighted the achievements of the NDA government in Bihar. “NDA means HIRA — Highways, Internet, Railways, Airports. These have become symbols of development,” he said, emphasizing progress in infrastructure and governance. Voting for 121 constituencies will be held tomorrow, while the remaining 122 constituencies will go to polls on November 11. Counting of votes is scheduled for November 14.

Meanwhile, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju criticized Rahul Gandhi’s recent claims of vote theft in Haryana. He alleged that the Congress leader was attempting to divert attention from Bihar elections. “Voting is two days away in Bihar, but Rahul Gandhi focused on Haryana to hide his party’s failures,” he said.

Rijiju pointed out internal issues in the Congress party, citing statements from senior leaders acknowledging lack of coordination at the grassroots level. He said that the party’s poor ground work led to its defeat, not voter fraud, and emphasized that in a democracy, parties must accept both victory and defeat.

The BJP leaders’ comments come as political campaigning intensifies ahead of the first phase of polling in Bihar, highlighting development achievements and attempting to counter opposition narratives before voters cast their ballots.

Minister denies code violation charges, claims ‘video doctored’

PATNA

Union Minister and former JD(U) president Rajiv Ranjan Singh, popularly known as Lalan, has denied allegations linked to an FIR filed against him for allegedly violating the Model Code of Conduct in Bihar.

He claimed the video clip that led to the case was “doctored” and shared online by political rivals. Lalan was booked on Tuesday under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Representation of the People Act for a speech he delivered in Mokama. He expressed confidence that the full video would prove his innocence.

“I respect the Election Commission’s action. It is an independent and constitutional body. However, the video circulated by our rival RJD is fake and edited,” he said. He accused RJD workers of intimidating poor voters in Mokama, warning them of “serious consequences” if they voted for CM Nitish Kumar’s JD(U).

QUICK READ

Mother held for killing infant in Kerala

KANNUR

A 24-year-old woman, Mubashira, was arrested for allegedly killing her two-month-old son by throwing him into a well near their home in Kurumathur in Kerala’s Talipparamba on Monday. Police said the baby, Amish Alan, was pulled out by neighbours but declared dead at Pariyaram Medical College. Mubashira initially claimed the child slipped while bathing, but police grew suspicious as the well was covered. After two days of questioning, she was arrested. The motive remains under investigation.

Air India rescues flyers stranded in Mongolia

NEW DELHI

Air India brought back 228 passengers stranded in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, to Delhi on Wednesday morning. The passengers were on a San Francisco–Delhi flight that made a precautionary landing in Ulaanbaatar on Monday due to a technical issue. A relief flight, operated with a Boeing 787 Dreamliner, reached Delhi around 8:24 am. The original Boeing 777 aircraft had 245 people on board, including 17 crew members. All passengers are safe, officials confirmed.

Bihar JD(U) leader’s kin found dead in house

PURNEA

Three members of a family, including the elder brother of JD(U) leader Neeranjan Kushwaha, were found dead in their house in the European Colony area of Purnea in Bihar on Tuesday night. The deceased were identified as Naveen Kushwaha, his wife Mala Devi, and daughter Tanu Priya. Police said the bodies were sent for post-mortem to determine the cause of death. Forensic teams have collected evidence, and an investigation is underway. Locals said Naveen was well-known and had contested elections earlier.

Urban floods: TN floats tenders to procures boats, coracles

CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu is taking steps to strengthen its urban flood preparedness by acquiring new boats and coracles.

The Fisheries Department has issued tenders to buy around 200 fibre-reinforced plastic (FRP) coracles for use in flood emergencies across cities and towns.

Each coracle costs about Rs 13,000 and will be used in areas where floodwaters are shallow. Officials said the tender was floated on behalf of the State Disaster Management Department, which has approved the funds for this initiative.

In addition to coracles, about 300 boats will also be purchased. Most of these boats will be without engines or propellers to reduce risks of hitting submerged obstacles. The boats are priced between Rs 1.5 lakh and Rs 2 lakh, and selection will be based on sturdiness, buoyancy, and carrying capacity.

Officials explained that this is the second tender after the first did not get enough bidders. Once procured, the boats and coracles will be handed to district collectors for flood deployment. They are expected to last at least five years with minimal maintenance, provided they are not exposed to direct sunlight.

Urban flooding is increasing, especially in Chennai, and local fishermen are often called for rescue work. Hiring a boat currently costs about Rs 4,000 per day, making government ownership more cost-effective. Experts suggest the Fisheries Department manage the fleet year-round, using the boats for reservoir checks outside flood periods.

During past floods, small coracles proved vital. In 2018-19, one was even used for a baby delivery in Padappai, showing how useful these crafts are in navigating flooded streets.

Modi restores quake-ruined Lakhpat Gurdwara

NEW DELHI

On Guru Nanak Jayanti, a remarkable story from Kutch came to light, highlighting how Lakhpat, a near-abandoned town in north-west Gujarat, regained prominence as a Sikh pilgrimage site.

The efforts were led by Narendra Modi during his tenure as Chief Minister.

Lakhpat, once a thriving port, had been largely deserted for nearly two centuries but continued to attract devotees because Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji is believed to have stayed there during his travels. The site became known as Lakhpat Gurdwara Sahib, preserving some of his sacred belongings.

During the 2001 earthquake, the gurdwara suffered severe damage. Modi, serving as a volunteer in Kutch at the time, was deeply moved by the destruction. “Nine months later, when I became Chief Minister, the first thing I resolved was to rebuild the gurdwara exactly as it was before,” he recalled. The restoration focused on authenticity. Original soil and construction materials were sourced, and skilled artisans from Rajasthan were brought in to rebuild the structure in its original form.

The meticulous work earned global recognition. In 2004, Lakhpat Gurdwara Sahib received the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Conservation Award for excellence in heritage preservation.

Today, the restored gurdwara stands as a symbol of devotion to Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and represents unity, inclusivity, and harmony—core values of Sikh teachings. The story reflects how heritage and faith can be preserved even after devastating disasters, ensuring spiritual and cultural legacy for future generations.

Drug haul: Delhi court denies bail to accused

NEW DELHI

Tis Hazari Court recently rejected the bail plea of accused Bharat Kumar, who allegedly came to Delhi from Mumbai to collect drugs from co-accused Tushar Goyal on instructions of absconding Vikas Mane.

Special Judge (NDPS) Virender Singh said that considering the facts and circumstances, he was not inclined to grant bail at this stage. During investigation, a cropped photo of the accused and a 10-rupee currency note were recovered from the mobile phone of Tushar Goyal, which were shared as identity tokens. Bharat Kumar was found near a Mahipalpur godown during a raid conducted on October 1-2, 2024.

A large quantity of contraband, including 1,290.967 kg of Cocaine/Mephedrone and 39.706 kg of hydroponic marijuana, was seized. The prosecution said the accused was wearing the same clothes seen in the recovered photograph, linking him to the crime.

The court noted that Section 37 of the NDPS Act applies, as the seized substances were of commercial quantity.

Aaditya backs RaGa on voter fraud claims

MUMBAI

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray on Wednesday backed Rahul Gandhi’s claims of large-scale voter fraud and accused the Election Commission (EC) of enabling the BJP to capture states through vote manipulation.

Thackeray said Gandhi’s issue was not about party politics, but about protecting the “value of every Indian’s vote.” He posted on X that the world is watching how elections are no longer free and fair, alleging proof of EC’s collusion with one political party.

“Every citizen, regardless of political ideology, should see this. Your vote turns to zero if fraudulent or fake voters are allowed in the list,” he said.

Gandhi had cited data from the Haryana assembly polls last year, claiming 25 lakh entries were fake and alleging that the EC helped the BJP win.

He also highlighted a case where a single Brazilian model’s photograph was used 22 times in 10 polling booths in the Rai constituency during the 2024 elections.

Thackeray noted that Sena (UBT) had earlier exposed voter list manipulation in Maharashtra, including fraud in Worli and other constituencies. Despite protests, he said, the EC refused to take action.

“The Haryana election was stolen by adding fraudulent voters and not giving a fair voice to the real people of the state,” Thackeray said. Representing Worli, he added, “This fight is for free and fair elections across India—for democracy and our Constitution.”

He concluded with a strong message, urging accountability: “Vote chor, gaddi chodh (vote thief, vacate power).” The issue has reignited debate over election transparency and the integrity of voter lists nationwide.

Strengthen institutions as per Guru tradition: Yogi to Sikhs

LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday urged the Sikh community in the state to strengthen institutions and organizations in line with Guru tradition.

Addressing a gathering on the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti, he called for the effective implementation of the teachings of Sikh Gurus. The CM encouraged Sikhs across UP to visit districts with significant Sikh populations, including Lakhimpur Kheri, Pilibhit, Rampur, Shahjahanpur, and Udham Singh Nagar, to identify shortcomings and work towards improvement.

“If we are to unite everyone and follow the orders and instructions of the Sikh Gurus, we must strengthen our institutions and organizations in line with the Guru tradition,” he said.

CM Yogi also raised concerns about religious conversions in Punjab’s Terai region. He invoked Guru Nanak Dev’s teachings to promote social unity and discourage conversions. “Guru Nanak Dev Ji abolished caste discrimination and promoted unity through sharing. We must stop this harmful trend and prepare to address any shortcomings,” he added.

Guru Nanak Jayanti, or Gurpurab, marks the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the first Sikh Guru, and is observed annually on Kartik Purnima with prayers, devotional singing, and community service.

Earlier in the day, Yogi inaugurated flats constructed under the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Housing Scheme in Lucknow.

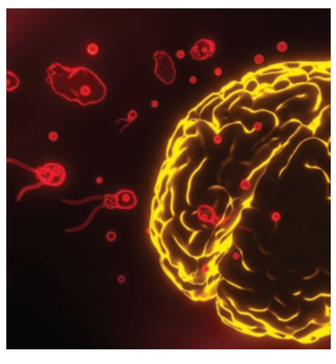
HEALTH HAZARD

Kerala battles rare brain-eating amoeba; 4 lives lost in 5 days

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala has reported four deaths from a rare brain infection called amoebic meningoencephalitis in just five days, raising concerns among health officials.

The infection, often linked to contaminated water, has recently affected people with no known contact with such sources, many of whom are elderly.



The latest victim is 57-year-old Vijayan from Koduman, Thiruvananthapuram. He had a recent leg fracture and tested positive for the infection while undergoing treatment at the Thiruvananthapuram Medical College Hospital.

This year, 160 people in the state have tested positive, with 37 deaths, bringing the fatality rate to 23 percent. Health authorities consider this relatively low compared to the infection’s usual near-100 percent death rate worldwide.

Health department sources blame unclean water bodies and poor environmental hygiene as the main causes. Despite repeated advisories, garbage dumping and unscientific waste disposal continue to contaminate water used by the public, making preventive measures difficult.

Dr. Harish Chirackal, head of the urology department at the Thiruvananthapuram Medical College Hospital, highlighted the issue on social media, linking rising rare infections to improper waste management. His post came after a controversy in Kozhikode, where a nine-year-old girl’s death initially attributed to the infection was later found to be caused by viral pneumonia.

Officials say the state is actively treating patients and working to keep the death rate low. They stress that cleaning water bodies and maintaining hygiene are essential steps in preventing such rare and fatal infections in Kerala.

QUICK READ

Car-truck collision kills 4 people in Afghanistan

Kabul

A tragic road accident in Afghanistan's Parwan province killed four people, including women and children, and injured two others on Tuesday, officials said. A car collided with a truck in Siagurd district, and authorities blamed reckless driving for the crash. Both drivers have been taken into custody. Road accidents in Afghanistan are frequent due to overspeeding, poor road conditions, overloading, and lack of proper signage. Recent weeks have seen multiple deadly crashes across the country, highlighting ongoing road safety challenges and the urgent need for stricter traffic regulations to prevent further loss of life.

Sindhi parties plan stir against enforced disappearances

Islamabad

Sindhi nationalist parties will stage protests in Sindh on November 9 demanding the release of missing persons and opposing extrajudicial killings. Leaders of Jeay Sindh Mahaz, Jeay Sindh Qaumi Mahaz, Sindh United Party, and others discussed a list of 22 missing individuals, mainly students and farmers, at a Hyderabad meeting. They called for safe recovery and legal action against suspects. The protest follows the recent abduction of student activist Ghani Aman Chandio from a Karachi hospital, condemned by Amnesty International as a violation of his rights. Authorities are urged to disclose his whereabouts immediately.

Typhoon Kalmaegi: 66 die, Cebu faces massive destruction

Cebu

Typhoon Kalmaegi has claimed 66 lives in the Philippines, leaving residents of Cebu grappling with widespread devastation. Homes were destroyed, streets blocked by debris, and floodwaters receded to reveal overturned vehicles and ruined neighborhoods. Survivors, like Eilene Oken, described losing years of savings but were thankful their families were safe. Among the fatalities were six military personnel whose helicopter crashed during a rescue mission. Authorities reported 26 missing and 10 injured. Over 200,000 people were evacuated across the Visayas, Luzon, and Mindanao regions.

Democrats rack up big wins in first Trump-era vote

'The wins reflect voter frustration with Trump's early presidency and renewed faith in Democratic leadership'

WASHINGTON

Democrats won major victories in the first elections since Donald Trump's return to the White House, capturing key races in New York, Virginia, and New Jersey.

The results gave the party new energy after months of internal struggle and defeat.

In New York City, 34-year-old Zohran Mamdani, a democratic socialist, made history by becoming the city's first Muslim mayor. His victory marked a major milestone and signaled growing support for progressive politics. In Virginia, Abigail Spanberger, 46, won the governor's race, while Mikie Sherrill, 53, claimed victory in New Jersey—both with strong leads.

The wins are seen as a reflection of voter frustration with Trump's first nine months in office and renewed faith in Democratic leadership. In California, voters also approved a redistricting plan favoring Democrats, potentially reshaping the battle for control of Congress next year.

Mamdani's campaign, inspired by figures like Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, focused on affordability and social programs such as free childcare and frozen rents. His rise came despite criticism from former governor Andrew Cuomo, who ran as an independent but lost. Mamdani declared, "If anyone can show a nation betrayed by Trump how to defeat him, it is the city that gave rise to him."

Meanwhile, Spanberger and Sherrill, both moderates, appealed to centrists by emphasizing stability over partisanship. Republicans struggled to distance themselves from Trump while retaining his base.

Analysts say the results may reshape Democratic strategy heading into 2026, highlighting the growing divide between progressives and moderates—but uniting them in opposition to Trump's policies.

Historic firsts

- Zohran Mamdani will be New York City's first Muslim mayor and the first South Asian to hold the office. Spanberger will become Virginia's first female governor and Sherrill will become New Jersey's first female Democratic governor. Democrat Ghazala Hashmi, projected to be Virginia's lieutenant governor, will become the first Muslim woman elected statewide.

Test for Trump

- The elections were seen as the first major electoral tests of Donald Trump's second presidency. In a social media post tonight, he blamed GOP losses on the government shutdown, now officially the longest in history, and his absence from the ballot.

'No more will NY be a city where you can traffick in Islamophobia & win polls'

New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani wasted no time calling out President Donald Trump, formally kicking off the battle that will likely define relations between the 34-year-old mayor and the president whose celebrity is tied to the city. During his victory speech on Tuesday night, he said he would enter City Hall with a firm plan to counter the politics of division and cronyism that helped elevate him to the White House. Mamdani, speaking to supporters in Brooklyn after a decisive victory over former governor Andrew Cuomo, said, "The New York had shown it would be the "light" in a "moment of political darkness". Mamdani, who will be the city's first Muslim mayor, said. "No more will New York be a city where you can traffic in Islamophobia and win an election."

Putin: Russia working on new gen nuke-powered cruise missiles

MOSCOW

Russia has started developing a new generation of nuclear-powered cruise missiles that will be faster and more advanced than previous models, President Vladimir Putin announced during an awards ceremony for weapons developers at the Kremlin.

Putin said the new missiles would travel "more than three times the speed of sound" and could eventually reach hypersonic speeds. He emphasized that Russia's plans to modernize its military and strengthen its defence capabilities are progressing as planned. The President also confirmed that the Avangard strategic missile system has entered combat duty, and mass production of the Oreshnik intermediate-range missile system has begun.

Putin awarded state honours to scientists behind the nuclear-powered Burevestnik missile and the Poseidon underwater drone, calling their work "of historic significance" for Russia and the entire 21st century. He noted that the Burevestnik has outperformed all known missile systems globally in terms of flight range.

According to Putin, a NATO vessel was present in the testing area during the Burevestnik's most recent trial on October 21, but Moscow chose not to interfere. Russia has also tested the Poseidon nuclear-powered underwater drone and launched the Khabarovsk, a new submarine designed to carry these weapons.

'Ukrainian troops should surrender to save themselves'

MOSCOW

Russia on Wednesday claimed that Ukrainian troops fighting in the eastern cities of Pokrovsk and Kupiansk were surrounded and urged them to surrender, warning they had "no chance of survival" if they continued to resist.

According to Russia's Defence Ministry, its forces have almost encircled Pokrovsk, known to Russia as Krasnoarmeysk, and control large areas of Kupiansk. Both cities have faced months of intense fighting as Moscow pushes to capture the Donbas region, a major industrial hub of Ukraine.

Pokrovsk, often called the "gateway to Donetsk," has been a key target since 2024. Russia has shifted tactics from frontal assaults to pincer movements supported by small, mobile units and drones that disrupt Ukrainian logistics and communications. Military analysts say this has created "grey zones" where neither side has full control but where Ukraine struggles to defend effectively.

The ministry contradicted Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's recent statement that only 60 Russian soldiers were in Kupiansk, claiming instead that Ukrainian units were trapped in "cauldrons" and facing rapid deterioration.

The ministry disputed Zelenskyy's claim of 60 Russian troops in Kupiansk, stating Ukrainian units were trapped in "cauldrons" and facing rapidly worsening conditions

Nearly four years into the war, Russia now claims control over more than 19% of Ukraine, roughly 116,000 square kilometres. Ukrainian and Western sources acknowledge Russian advances but dispute Moscow's figures, saying its territorial gains this year total around 3,400 square kilometres.

The escalating battles in Pokrovsk and Kupiansk underline Russia's broader strategy to dominate eastern Ukraine, while Kyiv continues to fight with Western support and vows not to surrender any territory.

The country has been intensifying efforts to produce nuclear materials and develop new warhead manufacturing facilities, say officials.

'North Korea poised to conduct seventh nuclear test soon'

SEOUL

North Korea appears fully prepared to conduct its seventh nuclear test once leader Kim Jong-un gives the order, according to South Korea's Defence Intelligence Agency.

Lawmakers briefed after a closed-door session said that the test could be carried out quickly using the No. 3 tunnel at the Punggye-ri site. Pyongyang last conducted a nuclear test in 2017.

Officials said North Korea has been intensifying efforts to produce nuclear materials and develop new warhead manufacturing facilities. Intelligence assessments also indicate that Pyongyang is preparing to launch another military spy satellite, potentially with Russian technological support. The planned satellite is expected to offer sharper imaging capabilities than its previous model, Malligyong-1, which was launched in November 2023. Although the North had pledged to launch three more satellites in 2024, its May 2024 attempt ended in failure when a rocket exploded shortly after liftoff. Separately, intelligence reports suggest North Korea has partially reopened the long-shuttered Kaesong Industrial Complex to produce daily-use goods.

In another development, the North fired about 10 artillery shells earlier this week as US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth and South Korean Defence Minister Ahn Gyu-back visited the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). The shells were launched into waters off the northern Yellow Sea, coinciding with the high-profile border visit.

Additional rocket fire was reported two days earlier, coinciding with summit talks between South Korean President Lee Jae Myung and Chinese President Xi Jinping. South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff confirmed it is closely monitoring all of South Korea's actions, maintaining readiness to respond to any threat under the joint South Korea-US defence framework.

China lifts some tariffs on US farm goods, soybeans still costly

BEIJING

China has announced that it will suspend some retaliatory tariffs on U.S. farm imports starting November 10, following last week's meeting between President Xi Jinping and U.S. President Donald Trump. However, tariffs on American soybeans will remain at 13%, keeping them costly compared to Brazilian alternatives.

The State Council's tariff commission confirmed that duties of up to 15% on certain agricultural goods would be lifted but said that a 10% levy on all U.S. goods would stay. The decision came after talks aimed at calming trade tensions between the two major economies that had disrupted global supply chains.

Analysts in Beijing said the move signals progress toward stabilizing relations. "It shows both sides are aligned and that the agreement is likely to hold up," said Even Rogers Pay of Trivium China. Still, traders noted the changes would not significantly boost U.S. soybean demand in China since Brazilian beans remain cheaper.

The White House claimed China had agreed to buy at least 12 million tons of U.S. soybeans this year and 25 million tons annually for the next three years, though Beijing has yet to confirm.

Currently, Brazilian soybeans are offered at about $2.25 per bushel over Chicago futures, while U.S. beans sell for $2.40, keeping the South American product more attractive.

China's soybean imports from the U.S. dropped to 20% in 2024, down from 41% in 2016, costing American farmers billions. Beijing also said it would suspend for one year its 24% additional tariffs on U.S. goods imposed last April.

UK needs big tax rises to avoid second Liz Truss episode: Think-tank

LONDON

A major British think-tank has warned that Finance Minister Rachel Reeves must introduce large tax increases in her upcoming November 26 budget to avoid a financial crisis similar to the one that forced former Prime Minister Liz Truss to resign in 2022.

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) said Reeves needs to create a £30 billion safety margin against future economic shocks—triple the £10 billion in her last budget. The institute also expects a downgrade of up to £30 billion in Britain's fiscal outlook, bringing the total required fiscal adjustment to around £50 billion.

Because Reeves already outlined long-term spending plans in June, most of the adjustment would need to come through tax hikes. "A large adjustment on the fiscal side is essential," said NIESR Director David Aikman. He warned that without credible measures, markets could react negatively, causing a repeat of the "Liz Truss moment," when borrowing costs spiked sharply.

Truss's unfunded tax cuts in 2022 caused financial chaos and forced Bank of England intervention. While long-term borrowing costs have eased recently, economists remain concerned that Reeves' plans might leave little room for error if new shocks hit the economy.

Reeves, who became finance minister after Labour's 2024 election win, recently said that "everyone will have to contribute" to restore economic stability. Media speculation suggests she may raise income taxes, breaking a pre-election promise. NIESR's estimate of Britain's fiscal gap remains among the highest of any forecast.

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Brain-Bender: Can You Solve It?

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

Fill a 9×9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3×3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

DEFENSE & DEVELOPMENT

India-Portugal fast-track bilateral pacts

LISBON

India and Portugal reviewed their deep-rooted partnership and agreed to accelerate talks on several pending bilateral agreements during the fifth round of Foreign Office Consultations held in Lisbon.

The meeting covered a wide range of topics including political cooperation, trade, cultural ties, and people-to-people exchanges, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

Sibi George, Secretary (West) of the MEA, and Helena Malcata, Director General for Foreign Policy in Portugal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, co-chaired the talks. Both sides also discussed India-EU relations and shared perspectives on global and regional developments of mutual interest.

The two countries reaffirmed their commitment to work closely in multilateral forums such as the United Nations. Areas of focus included defence and security, renewable energy, agriculture, science and technology, education, tourism, and cultural cooperation. Both nations agreed to expedite ongoing discussions to finalize agreements in these sectors soon.

During his visit, Sibi George met Ana Isabel Xavier, Portugal's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, to further strengthen diplomatic engagement.

The MEA highlighted that India and Portugal share a long-standing relationship that has evolved into a modern, forward-looking partnership. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the re-establishment of diplomatic ties between the two nations. Celebrations have included high-level visits from Indian leaders such as the President, Lok Sabha Speaker, and Finance Minister.

Portugal has consistently supported India's bid for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council and membership in the Nuclear Suppliers Group, reinforcing its commitment to India's global aspirations.

QUICK READ

Japan's SoftBank shares crash as AI stocks slide

Tokyo

Shares of Japan's SoftBank Group plunged over 13 per cent on Wednesday, extending Tuesday's 7 per cent fall and erasing nearly $50 billion in value within two days. The drop followed a global sell-off in AI and semiconductor stocks as investors grew wary of soaring valuations. Despite the slump, SoftBank's stock remains up over 200 per cent in six months. The firm owns UK's Arm Holdings and recently bought Ampere Computing to boost AI strength. Analysts warn that the AI boom may be forming a tech bubble, echoing the late-1990s dot-com frenzy.

Mitsubishi joins KIS Group to expand biogas market

New Delhi

Japan's Mitsubishi Corporation has bought a minority stake in KIS Group's operations in Indonesia, entering the global biogas market for the first time. KIS Group, founded in 2006 by K R Raghunath, aims to invest around USD 1 billion in renewable gas and biofuel projects across Southeast Asia and India by 2030. The partnership will strengthen KIS Group's renewable energy plans while giving Mitsubishi a foothold in the growing biogas sector. This move highlights rising global interest in clean energy solutions as countries and companies push toward sustainable fuel alternatives.

State-owned BEML reports 6% drop in quarterly profit

New Delhi

State-owned BEML reported a 5.8 per cent fall in its consolidated profit to Rs 48.03 crore for the quarter ending September 30, 2025, compared to Rs 51.03 crore last year. The decline was due to lower overall income, which dropped to Rs 846.13 crore from Rs 874.70 crore during the same period in 2024. Despite the decrease, the company continues to operate steadily in its core sectors. Analysts note that the modest profit dip reflects temporary market pressures rather than any long-term issues for BEML's business operations.

PSU Banks post record profit with nine percent growth

New Delhi

Public sector banks led by the State Bank of India reported a record combined profit of Rs 49,456 crore in Q2, marking a 9 per cent rise from Rs 45,547 crore in the same quarter last year. The increase of Rs 3,909 crore came despite two banks posting declines. SBI contributed around 40 per cent of the total earnings, highlighting its dominant role. Analysts say strong lending and stable asset quality supported the growth, reflecting the resilience of India's PSU banking sector even amid challenging economic conditions.

'India to cut direct Russian oil imports amid US sanctions'

Reliance, MRPL, and HPCL-Mittal will halt Russian oil imports, previously over half of India's 1.8 million bpd Russian crude intake in H1 2025

NEW DELHI

India will scale down its direct imports of Russian crude oil starting late November, following new US sanctions on Russia's top energy companies, Rosneft and Lukoil, which take effect on November 21.

Analysts say the move marks a key shift in India's energy sourcing strategy but note that Russian oil will not vanish entirely—it will just arrive through more complex routes.

According to maritime intelligence firm Kpler, the sanctions will lead to a steep drop in Russian oil shipments in December, with gradual recovery expected

by early 2026 via intermediaries and alternative trade channels.

Top private refiner Reliance Industries Ltd., which has a long-term contract with Rosneft, plans to halt Russian oil purchases. State-run refiners such as Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. (MRPL) and HPCL-Mittal Energy Ltd. will also suspend imports. Together, these firms accounted for more than half of India's 1.8 million barrels per day (bpd) of Russian crude imports during the first half of 2025.

However, Nayara Energy's Vadinar refinery—partly owned by Rosneft and already under EU sanctions—will likely continue sourcing Russian oil.

"Most Indian refiners will comply with the sanctions and reduce direct purchases," said Sumit Ritolia, Lead Research Analyst at Kpler. "This will cause a sharp decline in Russian crude arrivals in December, with recovery expected in early 2026."

THE OUTCOME

- To compensate, refiners are ramping up imports from the Middle East, Latin America, West Africa, Canada, and the US.
- American crude imports reached their highest level since March 2021, highlighting India's effort to diversify supplies despite rising freight costs, as per reports.

Time for India to have dedicated gold policy: SBI

NEW DELHI

The State Bank of India (SBI) Research has urged the government to create a comprehensive long-term policy on gold, emphasizing the need to clearly define gold's role in the Indian economy—whether it is treated as a commodity or as a form of money.

In a report authored by Dr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Advisor at SBI, it was highlighted that India's deep cultural attachment to gold, along with its value as an investment and a hedge against inflation, makes a forward-looking gold strategy crucial. Ghosh noted that Asian countries, including India, traditionally see gold as private property and a symbol of financial security, unlike Western nations where it is viewed more as public wealth.

The report urged policymakers to shift focus from merely reducing gold demand to creating sustainable monetisation models. These could include gold-backed pension schemes or financial instruments that help integrate gold into broader financial reforms. Aligning such efforts with India's long-term goal of capital account convertibility would strengthen its position in global markets.

he report recommends shifting from reducing gold demand to sustainable monetisation, like gold-backed pensions, aligning with financial reforms and India's long-term capital account convertibility goals.

India remains one of the largest gold markets worldwide, with households and investors continuing to treat gold as a safe and trusted store of value. In 2025, gold prices surged more than 50 percent amid geopolitical tensions and a weakening US dollar.

Between April and September 2025, inflows into gold exchange-traded funds (ETFs) grew 2.7 times, while assets under management rose 165 percent to ₹901.36 billion. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority is also exploring the inclusion of gold and silver in pension portfolios, signaling its rising role in India's economic future.

'India's infra trust market set to surge strongly'

NEW DELHI

India's infrastructure investment trust (InvIT) market is projected to reach an impressive Rs 21 lakh crore by 2030, driven by the nation's massive infrastructure investment needs, according to a new white paper by Client Associates (CA).

The report highlights that India will require nearly $4.5 trillion in infrastructure investment by 2030. Key growth drivers include the government's National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), rising institutional interest in alternative assets, and growing opportunities for corporate capital optimisation through InvITs.

Client Associates noted that InvITs are gaining popularity among investors because they provide higher returns and lower volatility compared to traditional instruments. InvITs have recorded average pre-tax returns of 10–12 percent and post-tax returns of 7–9 percent, outperforming most fixed-income options. With a volatility rate of 10.2 percent against equities' 15.4 percent, they deliver total returns of 12.2 percent — nearly matching equity returns of 12.3 percent — while ensuring a stable income stream.

As of FY25, India has 27 registered InvITs with total assets under management (AUM) of Rs 6.3 lakh crore, having mobilised about $15.8 billion over the past five years.

The report also mentioned SEBI's recent move to reclassify REITs as equity for mutual funds, while keeping InvITs in the hybrid category. This reflects their structural difference — REITs behave more like equity, while InvITs function as debt-hybrids with steadier cash flows.

Structural challenges slow down MSMEs

NEW DELHI

India's micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) — which contribute around 30 per cent to the country's GDP and 45 per cent of exports — are facing deep-rooted structural issues, according to a Deloitte India report released on Wednesday.

Despite their vital economic role and strong digital readiness, their overall productivity remains low due to limited access to credit, outdated technology, and regulatory hurdles.

The report found that Indian MSMEs operate at only 18 per cent of the productivity level of large enterprises, compared to 45–70 percent among OECD peers. Economist Rumki Majumdar from Deloitte India said that a massive ₹30 lakh crore credit gap continues to hold back growth, especially for service-sector and women-led MSMEs. She noted that the challenges are sharper in non-metro regions where most of these enterprises are located.

Industries like readymade garments face intense global competition and low margins, making access to loans difficult. However, sectors like

defence equipment, fabricated metals, and tiles show more resilience due to government support, though they still struggle with delayed payments and a shortage of skilled labour.

Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka have emerged as strong MSME hubs, aided by proactive policies and digital infrastructure. Deloitte's report urged large corporations and state governments to collaborate in building shared infrastructure to boost MSME growth in smaller cities.

A key highlight is digital adoption—around 90 percent of MSMEs now use digital payments, far higher than the OECD average of 42 percent. Deloitte said this readiness positions Indian MSMEs strongly for fintech and e-commerce–driven growth in the coming decade.

Bitcoin crashes below $100,000 in global market slide

MUMBAI

Bitcoin faced a major setback on Wednesday, briefly falling below the $100,000 mark as global markets experienced heavy selling. The world's largest cryptocurrency plunged 3.7 percent to trade at $101,822 after touching an intra-day low of $99,010 — its weakest level since June.

The sudden drop was part of a wider sell-off in risk assets, as investors grew anxious about overvalued markets and weakening risk appetite. Ethereum fell 6.76 percent to $3,331, Solana dipped 3.16 percent to $157, XRP dropped 3.16 percent to $2.24, and Dogecoin slid 1.47 percent to $0.165.

Bitcoin has now officially entered a bear market, falling more than 20 percent from its record high of $126,186 reached in early October. Data from analytics firm CoinGlass showed that over $1.27 billion worth of leveraged positions were liquidated this week, mainly long bets. In total, nearly $2 billion in crypto positions were wiped out in the past 24 hours.

Market analysts reported that open interest in Bitcoin futures remains low, while traders are increasingly betting on further declines, with some predicting a fall toward $80,000.

BHARAT AI REVOLUTION

AI driving India towards 'Viksit Bharat' goals: MeitY

NEW DELHI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a key technology that can help India achieve its dream of becoming 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047, said S Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

He was speaking at a panel discussion during the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC 2025) held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Krishnan described AI as a "horizontal and cross-cutting technology" that can transform innovation, social inclusion, and competitiveness. "The true impact of technology lies in how it improves lives and supports national

growth," he said, urging responsible use of AI to build a more advanced and inclusive India.

The discussion featured experts from government, academia, and industry, who shared insights on India's growing AI ecosystem. Topics included digital infrastructure, development of large language models, ethical AI governance, and global partnerships.

Abhishek Singh, Additional Secretary, MeitY, highlighted the IndiaAI Mission, which focuses on building a strong AI foundation. "India's biggest strength is its human talent. But for success, we also need accessible computing, quality data, and sustained investment," he said.

The Mission's seven pillars—low-cost computers, data platforms, startup support, foundation models, and tools for safe AI—aim to create a trusted global standard for Indian AI.

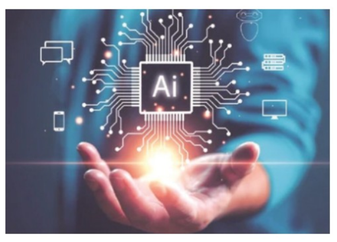
The session also introduced plans for the upcoming India-AI Impact Summit 2026, which will further explore AI's role in digital growth, innovation, and international collaboration.

'Govt balances AI innovation, regulation focus'

NEW DELHI

The Indian government is prioritizing innovation in artificial intelligence (AI) while remaining open to introducing regulations when necessary, said IT Secretary S. Krishnan on Wednesday. Speaking at the release of the IndiaAI Governance Guidelines Report, Krishnan emphasized that the government's current focus is to harness AI for the maximum benefit of citizens rather than rush into legislation.

"If we believe the priority needs to be innovation, regulation is not the focus today," Krishnan said. "However, if the need arises, the government will not hesitate to bring in suitable laws to protect



people from any potential harm."

The report, prepared by a sub-committee under the IndiaAI Mission chaired by IIT Madras Professor B. Ravindran, recommends seven guiding principles for AI governance — trust, people-first approach, fairness, accountability, transparency, innovation, and safety. These principles aim to create a framework that encourages responsible AI development while safeguarding public interest.

Krishnan praised the report's alignment with the government's human-centric vision of AI, noting that India's approach emphasizes both technological growth and social responsibility. "This report reinforces our commitment to innovation. We want to use this opportunity to make technology work for everyone," he said.

The sub-committee also proposed setting up governance institutions, creating India-specific AI frameworks, and piloting regulatory sandboxes. In the long run, it urged the government to revise legal standards, develop safety measures, and promote collaboration across ministries.

Google floats AI skilling drive for founders

NEW DELHI

Global tech leader Google has announced a new two-week programme under Google for Startups India to help early-stage founders, startup teams, and aspiring entrepreneurs develop launch-ready AI prototypes using Google's advanced AI tools.

Running from November 27 to December 7, the programme will train participants to ideate, design, and deploy AI-first solutions using tools like Gemini, Imagen, Veo, Nano Banana, NotebookLM, and AI Studio. It focuses on practical modules such as AI-first prototyping, AI-powered research, and AI creative studio. Successful participants will receive a Google-recognized Certificate of Participation and may qualify for the "Build the Future" Showcase in January 2026, where selected innovators will gain mentorship from Google experts.

Ragini Das, Head of Google for Startups India, said the initiative aims to make AI power accessible to every founder. "Our goal is to remove traditional coding barriers and help entrepreneurs

move from concept to creation quickly using Google's full-stack AI ecosystem," she explained.

The programme is supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's (MeitY) Startup Hub, Startup India, IndiaAI Mission, and Nasscom.

Young Indians race to learn AI. data skills: Study

NEW DELHI

A new report has found that Generation Z and fresh graduates are leading India's upskilling movement, with a majority actively learning artificial intelligence (AI) and data skills to boost their careers. The report, released by Deel, a global payroll and compliance platform, surveyed 5,058 employees across different age groups — Gen Z, millennials, and Gen X.

According to the study, 96% of India's white-collar professionals have upskilled in the past year. However, learning trends vary across generations. Gen Z (61%) and fresh graduates (63%) are most eager to learn, seeing upskilling as a key reason to stay with an employer. Over half of them — 54% of Gen Z and 57% of freshers — are focusing on AI and data-related skills.

In contrast, millennials (40%) and Gen X (38%) show slower adoption, with many preferring to strengthen traditional professional skills instead of exploring new technologies.

"India's workforce is entering a new era of learning," said Mark Samlal, General Manager, APAC at Deel.

Ganesh, Harikrishna reunite for new Chetan Kumar film

Celebrations and excitement surround Golden Star Ganesh's upcoming film, announced under the banner of SVC Films. The movie marks the third production venture by producer M. Munegowda and will be directed by Chetan Kumar, the filmmaker behind hits like Bhahaddur, Bharjari, Bharate, and James.

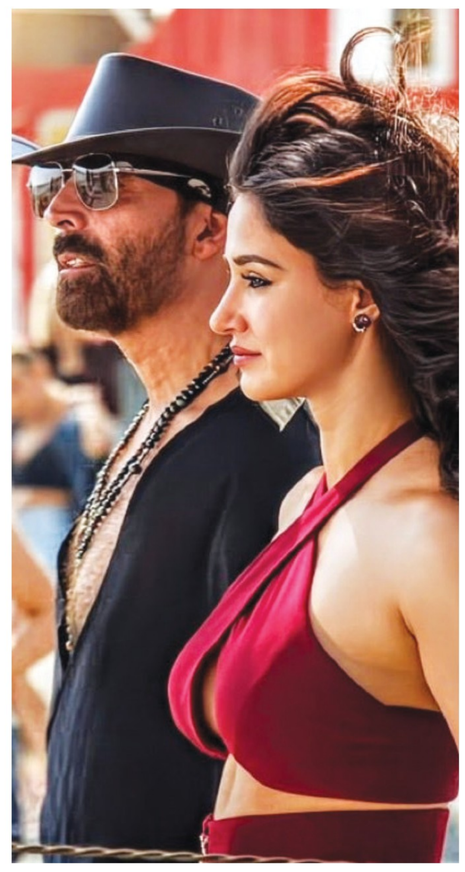
The film stars Ganesh in the lead, known for his charming performances and strong screen presence. Shooting for the much-awaited project is set to begin soon. Adding to the excitement, popular music composer V. Harikrishna has been roped in to compose the soundtrack.

The collaboration between Ganesh, Chetan Kumar, and Harikrishna has raised expectations among fans, who believe this powerful trio will deliver another memorable entertainer.

To celebrate Harikrishna's birthday, the team unveiled a special poster featuring the star, marking the occasion with enthusiasm. The poster received a positive response from fans, further boosting curiosity about the film's theme and title.

Shivugowda will serve as the executive producer, while the film is expected to feature several well-known supporting actors. The makers have promised that more updates — including the complete cast list, music details, and shooting schedule — will be revealed in the coming weeks. With this new venture, the team aims to bring together mass appeal, melody, and strong storytelling, making it one of the most anticipated Kannada films of the year.

Akshay, Disha recreate 'Uncha Lamba Kad' in Welcome 3



Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar has brought back the charm of his 2007 hit track 'Uncha Lamba Kad' in the upcoming film Welcome to the Jungle, dancing alongside Disha Patani in a lively remix version.

Akshay shared a cheerful video on Instagram, where he and Disha groove energetically to the upbeat track. The actor added a nostalgic touch in his caption, writing, From our hearts to yours!! What a throwback, 18 years & still an all-time favourite... Never forgetting our Queen Katrina Welcome-ToTheJungle. His message paid tribute to Katrina Kaif, his co-star from the original Welcome film.

Directed by Ahmed Khan, Welcome to the Jungle marks the third instalment of the blockbuster Welcome franchise, following the success of Welcome (2007) and Welcome Back (2015), both helmed by Anees Bazmee.

The upcoming film promises to be a full-on entertainer, featuring an impressive star cast that includes Raveena Tandon, Lara Dutta, Suniel Shetty, Arshad Warsi, Shreyas Talpade, Johnny Lever, Kiku Sharda, Krushna Abhishek, Rahul Dev, and popular singers Daler Mehndi and Mika Singh.

Ariana Grande misses Brazil premiere of 'Wicked For Good'

Pop star and actress Ariana Grande was unable to attend the world premiere of Wicked For Good in Brazil after her flight was grounded due to a last-minute aircraft safety issue.

Grande's flight to Sao Paulo had to be cancelled when her team was asked to deplane for maintenance. Sharing the news on Instagram, the singer expressed her disappointment, writing, Brazil, I can't believe this is happening, and I am beyond devastated to be sending this message. She explained that despite her team's efforts, it was impossible to reach the premiere in time.

A few hours ago, my team and I had to deplane as they had to do maintenance on the aircraft. The flight won't take off until 1 a.m. tomorrow, she wrote. Grande added that both her team and Universal Pictures explored every available option—commercial, connecting, and private flights—but none could get her to Brazil in time. Even private options required special flight permits that couldn't be processed immediately. Grande stars as Glinda in director Jon M. Chu's musical fantasy sequel Wicked For Good, alongside Cynthia Erivo, who plays Elphaba. The film continues the beloved story inspired by The Wizard of Oz and has been one of the most anticipated Hollywood releases of the year.

The premiere would have marked Grande's first in-person public appearance in Brazil in several years.

Complaint filed against Salman Khan over pan masala ad

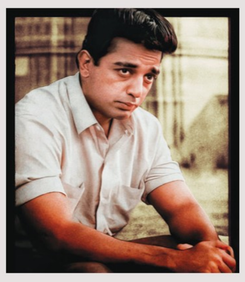
Bollywood superstar Salman Khan has landed in legal trouble after a complaint was filed against him for endorsing a pan masala brand allegedly misleading consumers through surrogate advertising.

BJP leader and Rajasthan High Court advocate Inder Mohan Singh Honey filed the complaint at the Kota Consumer Court against Salman Khan and the manufacturers of Rajshree Pan Masala. The court has issued notices to both parties, directing them to submit formal responses. The next hearing is scheduled for November 27.

Inder Mohan Singh has sought a ban on the advertisements featuring Salman Khan, claiming they deceive consumers. He stated, Salman Khan is a role model for many people. Celebrities abroad avoid promoting even soft drinks, but here they endorse pan masala and tobacco. Such promotions send the wrong message to the youth, as pan masala is a major cause of mouth cancer.

He also argued that the product's claims are misleading, as the brand advertises a saffron and cardamom variant despite genuine saffron costing nearly ₹4 lakh per kilogram—making its inclusion in a ₹5 product unrealistic.

While Salman Khan appears in Rajshree Elaichi commercials, he has not directly endorsed any pan masala product. On the professional front, Salman is currently hosting Bigg Boss 19 and filming his upcoming movie 'Battle of Galwan'. He recently went viral on social media for showcasing his fit physique after facing online criticism for weight gain.



'Nayakan' First ticket reserved for Robo Shankar

Ahead of the special re-release of Kamal Haasan's iconic film Nayakan on the occasion of his birthday, Kamala Cinemas in Chennai has announced a heartfelt tribute that has moved fans across Tamil Nadu. Cinema owner Vishnu revealed that the first ticket for the re-release will be reserved in memory of the late actor Robo Shankar, with the next few tickets allotted to his family. Fans have widely praised this emotional gesture, calling it a fitting honour for the beloved comedian.

In an emotional post on X, Vishnu wrote, Bookings for Nayagan will open soon! Celebrations at Kamala Cinemas for Kamal Sir's films will not be the same without Robo Shankar uncle. Before public bookings open, the first ticket will be kept in memory of Robo Shankar uncle and the next few for his family. The announcement has received overwhelming appreciation from Kamal Haasan fans.

Robo Shankar, who passed away a few months ago due to ill health, had built a strong identity in Tamil cinema and television.

Nagarjuna, RGV reunite for 4K re-release of cult classic 'Shiva'

In a nostalgic celebration, director Ram Gopal Varma and superstar Nagarjuna Akkineni reunited for the trailer launch of the 4K remastered version of their cult classic film Shiva. The event, held in Hyderabad on Tuesday, marked an emotional reunion between the filmmaker and the actor who created cinematic history together 36 years ago.

Speaking at the event, Varma expressed heartfelt gratitude to Nagarjuna, crediting him for shaping his filmmaking career. My true birth as a filmmaker was given by Nagarjuna, he said, recalling how the 1989 action drama transformed both their lives. Varma added that working on the 4K restoration was a deeply satisfying experience. We never imagined we'd be here again for the Shiva 4K re-release.

Rashmika says 'The Girlfriend' will be remembered for yrs

Actress Rashmika Mandanna, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming romantic drama The Girlfriend, has opened up about her approach to filmmaking and her passion for exploring diverse roles. The actress said she wants to move beyond the limitations of specific genres and focus on delivering emotionally rich performances that resonate with audiences.

Speaking about her journey, Rashmika said, Every film is not everyone's cup of tea, but I want to be that artist who does a variety of films. Referring to her recent projects like Pushpa, Kubera, Chaava, and a vampire horror comedy, she explained that each role has been a learning experience. With every character, I want variety. That's the best gift I can offer my audience because when they watch me, I want them to enjoy and connect, she said.

Rashmika added that her goal is to help audiences escape their daily worries through cinema. For those two or three hours in the theatre, it's my responsibility to make them feel at peace or help them disconnect from everyday life, she shared.

The Sikandar actress also revealed that box office numbers do not influence her choices. The second I start thinking I've made it, I'll stop pushing myself, she said.

Calling The Girlfriend a deeply meaningful film, Rashmika expressed confidence in its lasting impact. It's not about the numbers — it's an important story that will be spoken about for years, she said.

Directed by Rahul Ravindran, The Girlfriend stars Rashmika Mandanna and Dheekshith Shetty, and releases on November 7 in multiple languages.

Ajay Devgn hints at 'Golmaal 5' set in Goa

Actor Ajay Devgn has sparked excitement among fans by teasing the return of the iconic 'Golmaal' franchise with director Rohit Shetty. Celebrating 15 years of Golmaal 3, Devgn shared a playful Instagram story tagging Shetty, writing, itsrohitshetty when are we planning our next Goa vacation? 15YearsOfGolmaal3. The post has led fans to speculate that Golmaal 5 might be set in Goa, much like the earlier instalments.

Directed by Rohit Shetty, the Golmaal series began with Golmaal: Fun Unlimited in 2006, starring Ajay Devgn, Arshad Warsi, Sharman Joshi, and Tusshar Kapoor. The film's success turned it into one of India's most beloved comedy franchises.

Shetty confirmed that Golmaal 5 is in the works. I would like to take a break from the cop universe. I've been working on cop films since 2008, but now I'm really looking forward to creating comedy films. Golmaal is coming next, he said.

Over the years, the franchise has featured several top stars, including Kareena Kapoor Khan, Kunal Kemmu, Amrita Arora, Parineeti Chopra, and Tabu, expanding its popularity across generations.

Karthi gets heroic welcome in Malaysia for 'Kaithi' remake

Tamil star Karthi received a heroic welcome in Malaysia as fans celebrated the release of 'Banduan,' the official Malay remake of his 2019 blockbuster 'Kaithi.' The film's success has reignited excitement for the much-awaited sequel, 'Kaithi 2.'

Directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj, the original Kaithi featured Karthi, Narain, Arjun Das, and George Marian. Released alongside Vijay's Bigil during Diwali 2019, the film won acclaim for its gripping screenplay, intense action, and Karthi's powerful performance, earning cult status in Tamil cinema. The Malaysian remake, Banduan, stars popular actor Datuk Aaron Aziz as Dilli — the role made iconic by Karthi. Supported by the makers of the original, the remake stays true to Kaithi's core spirit, with fans calling it a perfect tribute. Ahead of Banduan's release on November 6, Karthi travelled to Malaysia for promotional events. He was greeted by massive crowds of cheering fans, from the airport to public gatherings. Videos of his arrival went viral, with fans chanting his name and expressing their love on social media. Overwhelmed by the warm reception, Karthi said, It's an honor to be welcomed with so much love. I'm truly touched. The overwhelming response has fueled even greater anticipation for Kaithi 2. With the slogan Dilli is back trending online, fans now eagerly await the official sequel announcement from Lokesh Kanagaraj's camp.

Luis Diaz Shines and Sees Red as Bayern Beat PSG 2-1 in Thriller

PARIS

Luis Diaz delivered a dazzling yet turbulent performance as Bayern Munich maintained their flawless start to the season with a 2-1 win over Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League. The Colombian winger scored twice inside the opening half-hour before being sent off for a reckless challenge on Achraf Hakimi, who left the field in tears.

Diaz opened the scoring in the fourth minute, pouncing on a rebound at the Parc des Princes, and doubled Bayern's advantage on 32 minutes, dispossessing Marquinhos before slotting home. However, moments before half-time, Diaz turned from hero to villain when his mistimed tackle injured Hakimi and earned him a red card after VAR review.

Despite being reduced to ten men, Bayern defended resolutely in the second half. PSG substitute Joao Neves pulled one back in the 74th minute, converting from close range after Lee Kang-in's deflected cross, but the German champions held firm.

"It was an important three points," said Bayern coach Vincent Kompany. "The Champions League is not decided now, but these moments build champions." Bayern have now won all 16 matches this season, including four in Europe, joining Arsenal as the only teams with a perfect record.

For PSG, the night was marred by injuries to both Hakimi and Ousmane Dembele, who limped off early with a hamstring issue. "We need to manage the players' physical condition better," admitted coach Luis Enrique, whose side still leads their group but faces a tough next fixture against Tottenham Hotspur.

Mbappe Blanked at Anfield as Liverpool Edge Real Madrid 1-0

Liverpool's solid defense denied Kylian Mbappe and Real Madrid in a tense clash

LIVERPOOL

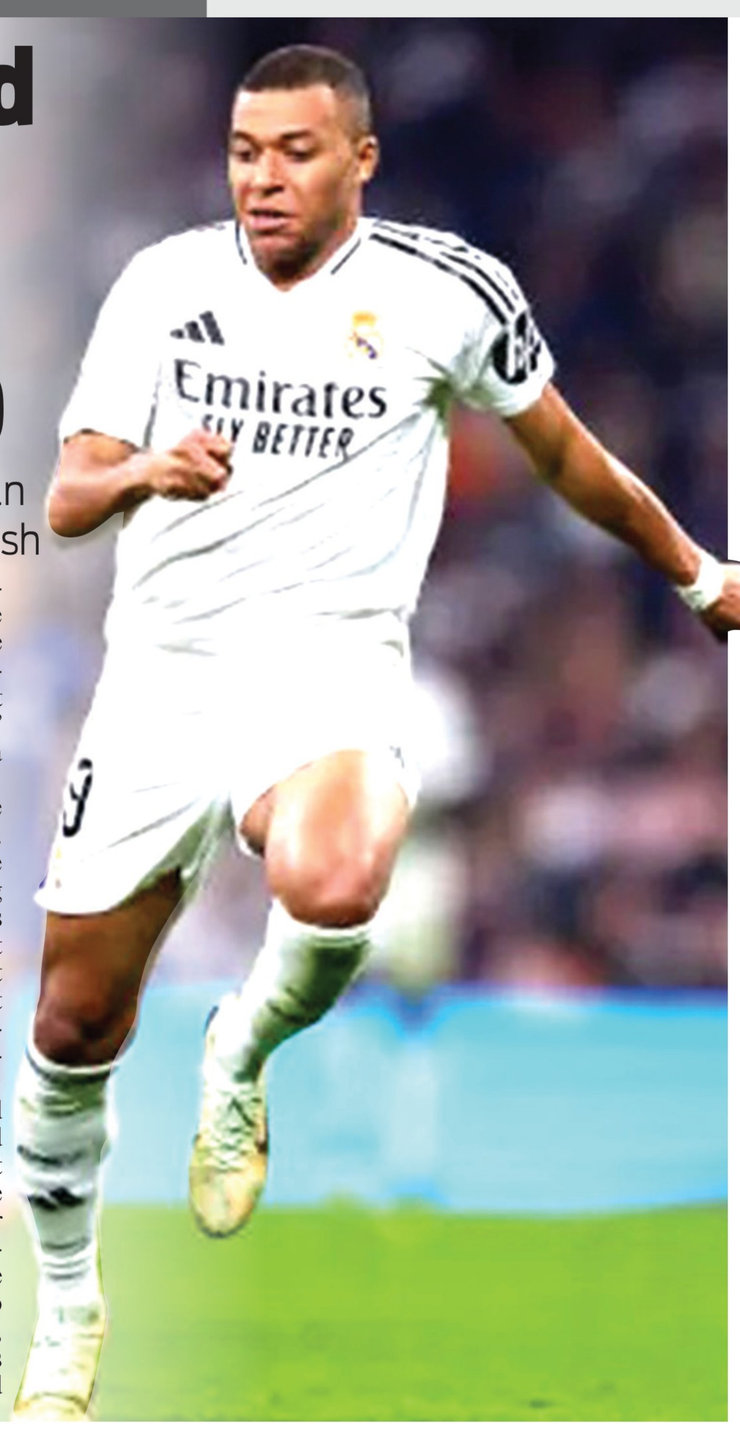
Kylian Mbappe has been almost unstoppable this season, but at Anfield, he found himself running into a wall. For the second consecutive year, the Real Madrid forward endured a frustrating outing on Merseyside, as Liverpool defeated Real Madrid 1-0 in the Champions League. Alexis Mac Allister scored the decisive goal, while Mbappe struggled to make an impact.

Madrid coach Xabi Alonso admitted his side lacked penetration up front, though he refrained from singling out players. "We were lacking that threat in the final third," he said. Mbappe, who came into the match with 21 goals in 17 games, managed only three off-target attempts all evening.

Liverpool's new coach Arne Slot revealed he had reminded his players of the attacking prowess of Mbappe and Vinicius Junior, who have a combined 24 goal contributions this season. "You can't completely control them," Slot said, "but you can do a few things well."

Mac Allister's 61st-minute header proved the difference. Mbappe's best chance came moments later when, cutting inside the box, he curled his effort wide of the far post. It was a near replay of last year's disappointment when he missed a penalty at Anfield in Madrid's 2-0 loss.

This time, Madrid couldn't even find the net — their first scoreless game of the season and only their second defeat in all competitions. The typically fierce Anfield atmosphere also seemed to rattle the visitors, particularly when former Reds star Trent Alexander-Arnold entered to loud jeers late on.



Micky Van De Ven Back in Favour

LONDON

Tottenham defender Micky van de Ven marked his return to favour with a spectacular solo goal as Spurs thrashed Copenhagen 4-0 in the Champions League on Tuesday. The Dutch centre-back, who was criticised for walking off without applauding fans after the Chelsea defeat, redeemed himself with a breathtaking run and finish that sealed a vital win for Thomas Frank's side.

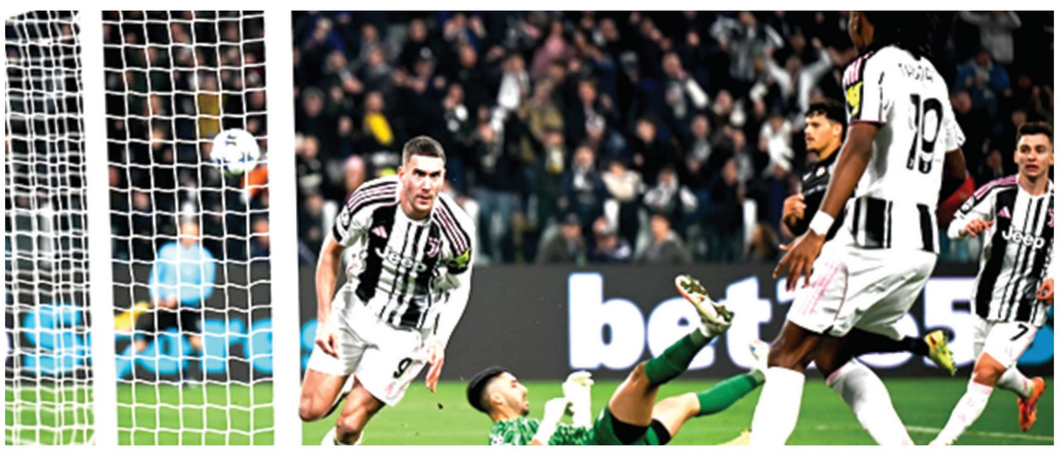
Van de Ven's goal, a 90-metre dash capped with a clinical strike, came after Brennan Johnson and Wilson Odobert had already put Spurs 2-0 ahead. Johnson was later sent off following a reckless challenge upgraded to a red card by VAR, but Spurs continued to dominate. Joao Palhinha added a fourth to complete the rout.

"It was the kind of performance our fans deserve," said Frank, relieved after weeks of criticism over Tottenham's uninspired play. The victory — Spurs' first home win since September — keeps them unbeaten in this season's Champions League with two wins and two draws, ahead of a crucial trip to Paris Saint-Germain later this month. Copenhagen goalkeeper Dominik Kotarski endured a nightmare evening, twice racing off his line to gift Spurs goals. Johnson opened the scoring after capitalising on Kotarski's error, slotting home from a tight angle for his first goal in nine matches. Odobert then doubled the lead after another defensive blunder. Van de Ven's moment of brilliance arrived in the 64th minute, his surging solo effort drawing roars from the home crowd. His teammates embraced him warmly — a symbolic reconciliation after the weekend's controversy.

Merino's Brace Sends Arsenal Past Slavia

PRAGUE

Mikel Merino scored twice in the second half as Arsenal defeated Slavia Prague 3-0 to secure their fourth consecutive win in the Champions League. The Premier League leaders extended their winning streak to ten matches in all competitions while keeping their eighth successive clean sheet. Bukayo Saka, captaining the side in the absence of injured forwards Viktor Gyokeres, Kai Havertz and Gabriel Martinelli, opened the scoring from the penalty spot in the 32nd minute after Slavia captain Lukas Provod handled a clearance inside the box. Merino doubled Arsenal's lead just 30 seconds into the second half, volleying home from close range after a fine pass from Leandro Trossard. The Spanish midfielder added his second in the 68th minute, heading in Declan Rice's cross to seal a dominant performance for Mikel Arteta's men.



Vlahovic Strike Earns Juventus a 1-1 Draw against Sporting Lisbon

TURIN

Juventus were forced to settle for a 1-1 draw against Sporting Lisbon as Luciano Spalletti's side continued their winless run in this season's Champions League. Dusan Vlahovic salvaged a point for Juve in the 34th minute, poking home Khephren Thuram's low cross to cancel out Maximiliano Araujo's early strike for the visitors.

Sporting, who opened the scoring in the 12th minute with Araujo's shot deflecting off the post and in, dominated the early exchanges and nearly doubled their lead when Francisco Trincao's effort rattled the crossbar. That near-miss sparked Juventus into life, and Vlahovic — who had already gone close twice — eventually levelled with his seventh goal of the season. "We had a difficult start but then took control of the game," said Spalletti. "What gives me satisfaction is that we have players of real quality." Vlahovic, Juve's top earner who was nearly sold in the summer, admitted frustration at missing out on three points. "We played well and could have done more. We were missing that second goal," he said.

Juventus share spoils with Sporting Lisbon after Vlahovic's equaliser in Turin

Tottenham defender Micky van de Ven scores breathtaking solo goal against Copenhagen

Micky van de Ven's 90-Meter Solo Run Stuns Fans in Champions League

LONDON

Tottenham Hotspur's Micky van de Ven produced a moment of pure magic in the Champions League on Tuesday, running nearly the entire length of the pitch to score what many are calling the "goal of the season." The Dutch defender collected the ball near his own penalty area and embarked on a blistering 90-meter run, weaving past three FC Copenhagen players before curling a left-footed finish into the bottom corner in the 64th minute.

The strike — his sixth goal of the season — made it 3-0 to Spurs and showcased the pace, power, and composure that have turned van de Ven into one of Europe's most exciting defenders. "I saw a little gap and just kept going," van de Ven said afterward. "Every time I looked up, there was more space, so I thought, 'Why not?'"

Tottenham manager Thomas Frank was awestruck. "That could be goal of the season, definitely," he said. "It was like Lionel Messi transformed into a center back."

Despite playing the final 30 minutes with ten men following Brennan Johnson's red card, Tottenham cruised to a 4-0 win, maintaining their unbeaten campaign. First-half goals from Johnson and Wilson Odobert gave Spurs control before van de Ven's wonder goal and a late strike from Joao Palhinha sealed the emphatic victory.

The result leaves Tottenham — last season's Europa League champions — sitting seventh in the standings with eight points from four matches, firmly in contention for the knockout stages. For van de Ven, however, it was a night that may define his young career — a goal for the ages that left fans and teammates alike in disbelief.

Bumrah Receives ICC Demerit Point for 'Plane' Gesture

NEW DELHI

Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has been handed one demerit point by the International Cricket Council (ICC) for "conduct that brings the game into disrepute" following his airplane-style send-off to Pakistan's Haris Rauf during the Asia Cup 2025 final. The ICC confirmed that Bumrah accepted the charge under Article 2.21 of its Code of Conduct and agreed to an official warning, meaning no formal hearing was required. The incident occurred after Bumrah bowled Rauf in the 18th over and mimicked the "plane" gesture that the Pakistani pacer had used earlier in the tournament — a celebration widely criticized for its perceived political undertone. The disciplinary hearings also addressed other incidents from the high-tension India–Pakistan matches.

Nettakallappa Swim Meet to Make a Splash on Nov 8 & 9

BENGALURU

The fourth edition of the Nettakallappa Swimming Competition will take place on November 8 and 9 at the Nettakallappa Aquatic Centre (NAC) in Bengaluru, featuring some of India's top swimming talents.

Leading the star-studded lineup are Olympians Dhinidhi Desinghu, the country's youngest participant at the 2024 Paris Games, and Srihari Nataraj, a two-time Olympian and national record-holder. Over 300 swimmers, including several international and national medallists, are expected to compete in what has become one of India's most anticipated year-end aquatic events.

Since its inception in 2022, the meet has been known for introducing the SKINS format — a knockout-style competition for 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly events.

GOA

Pranav Venkatesh, Arjun Erigaisi Shine at FIDE World Cup

India's chess stars Pranav Venkatesh and Arjun Erigaisi began strongly at the FIDE World Cup, notching up wins in the second round's opening games. Pranav defeated Norway's Aryan Tari, capitalising on a late blunder, while Arjun outplayed Bulgaria's Martin Petrov in a composed display. World Champion D Gukesh and R Praggnanandhaa were held to draws, with Gukesh missing chances against Nogerbek despite a promising English Opening. Among the global elite, Anish Giri, Nodirbek Abdusattorov, Wesley So, Hans Niemann, and Vidit Gujrathi also split points. In a notable upset, 12-year-old Oro Faustino of Argentina held Vidit to a draw, while Sam Shankland defeated veteran Vassily Ivanchuk with black pieces.

BELAGAVI

Aliya Multani: Judoka Who Rose from Her Father's Wrestling Pit

Born into a family of wrestlers, Aliya Multani chose judo over kusti — a decision that shaped her young sporting journey. The 15-year-old Karnataka judoka first stepped onto the mat at age 10 and quickly struck gold at the Mini Karnataka Games in 2022, a victory that ignited her passion for the sport. Guided by her aunt and coach Kutuja Multani, Aliya has since claimed multiple medals, including silver at the Khelo India Judo Women's League (national level). Despite losing her father and inspiration, Kashim Multani, in 2023, Aliya's resolve only grew stronger. Now training at the DYES sports hostel in Belagavi, she dreams of representing India on the international stage — fulfilling her father's wish.

GOA

Anand Hopes Youngsters Draw Inspiration from Chess World Cup

Viswanathan Anand expressed hope that India's young chess players will be inspired by watching their heroes in action at the ongoing World Cup. "Most top players, when young, saw someone they wanted to emulate. I hope our youngsters come and see their heroes," said the five-time World Champion and FIDE deputy president. Anand praised India's top seeds — D. Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi and R. Praggnanandhaa — as strong contenders for the top three spots. He also lauded Goa's role as an excellent host. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said the government would continue supporting major sporting events to boost India's sporting future.

'Once a King, Always a King': Yuvraj's Birthday Tribute to Kohli

Former Indian crickter Yuvraj Singh shared nostalgic pictures and a touching message for Virat Kohli's 37th birthday

NEW DELHI

Former India cricketer Yuvraj Singh paid a warm and emotional tribute to Virat Kohli on the latter's 37th birthday, sharing a series of old pictures and a heartfelt caption that quickly went viral. The post reflected the deep bond between the two World Cup-winning teammates.

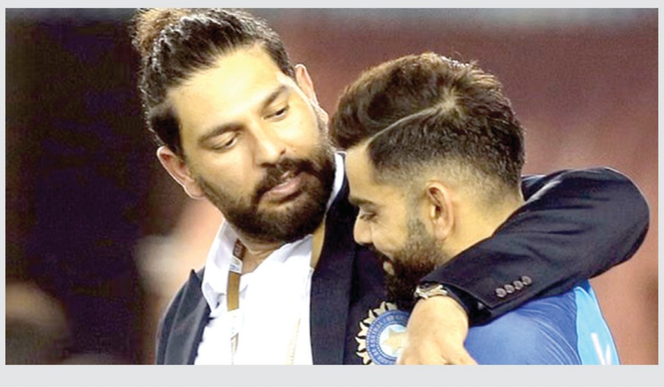
"Once a King, always a King. Happy birthday @imVkohli. Sending you lots of love for a great year ahead. Stay blessed!" Yuvraj captioned the post on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), along with a few unseen photos from their playing days. Fans flooded the comments section, celebrating the camaraderie between the two Indian greats.

Kohli, who made his international debut in 2008, forged a strong connection with Yuvraj during India's 2011 World Cup-winning campaign under MS Dhoni. Over the years, their friendship evolved beyond the cricket field, marked by mutual respect and admiration.

Widely regarded as one of modern cricket's finest, Kohli's illustrious career has been defined by unmatched consistency and intensity. From leading India to the U19 World Cup title in 2008 to captaining the national team across formats, he has accumulated over 26,000 international runs and countless records.

In Tests alone, Kohli amassed 9,230 runs in 123 matches, averaging 46.85 with 30 centuries, including a top score of 254 not out. His golden phase from 2016 to 2019, featuring seven double centuries as captain, remains one of the most dominant runs in cricket history.

Though his Test career concluded earlier this year after the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, Kohli continues to inspire a generation — both for his relentless pursuit of excellence and his enduring legacy as India's "King" of cricket.



Women's 2025 Win Outshines 1983 Men's Triumph: Gavaskar

MUMBAI

Legendary cricketer Sunil Gavaskar hailed India's 2025 Women's World Cup triumph as a watershed moment in the nation's cricketing history, suggesting that it could even surpass the impact of the men's iconic 1983 World Cup victory. Gavaskar noted that the women's success reflects India's growing dominance and maturity in global cricket.

"There were some who tried to compare this win with the men's team winning the World Cup in 1983," Gavaskar wrote. "The men had never progressed beyond the group stage in earlier editions, so everything from the knockout stage onward was new to them. The women already had a better record, having been in two finals before this magnificent triumph."

Gavaskar added that just as the 1983 win transformed Indian cricket and gave it global recognition, the women's victory will shake long-established powers that have dominated women's cricket for decades. "This victory will make countries that started women's cricket long before India did realise that their era of domination has been shaken," he said.

Gavaskar says women's team had greater pedigree before victory, unlike men in 1983.

During Sunday's dramatic final in Navi Mumbai, India scored 298/7, led by Shafali Verma's blazing 87 off 78 balls and Deepti Sharma's 58 off 58. South Africa's Laura Wolvaardt fought back with a gritty century, but India's spin attack sealed the win, handing the hosts their first-ever Women's World Cup title.

Emotional celebrations followed as the team took a victory lap joined by veterans Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami. Among the spectators was India men's captain Rohit Sharma, who was visibly moved by the moment. Gavaskar concluded that the triumph will inspire a new generation of women cricketers, much like the men's 1983 victory did four decades ago.

Why Drop Arshdeep Singh?: India Coach Morkel

QUEENSLAND

India's bowling coach Morne Morkel shed light on the decision to rest Arshdeep Singh, the team's top T20 wicket-taker, for the first two matches of the ongoing series against Australia, saying it was a strategic move to experiment with different bowling combinations in preparation for the 2026 T20 World Cup.

Arshdeep, who returned for the third T20I after sitting out the opening two games, made an immediate impact by taking three wickets for 35 runs, earning the Player of the Match award. His spell included two early breakthroughs in the powerplay and one at the death, reaffirming his value as India's leading left-arm quick.

Speaking at a pre-match press conference, Morkel said, "Arshdeep is experienced and understands the bigger picture. We are trying different combinations to assess balance and adaptability. He remains a world-class bowler and our most successful powerplay performer."

The former South African pacer acknowledged that team selection can be hard on players, but insisted that the management must explore all options. "It's not easy — there's always disappointment. But we want to test how players perform under pressure before the World Cup. That's how we'll know who can handle crunch moments," Morkel explained.

Morkel also provided a fitness update on all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy, who missed the first three matches due to a quadriceps injury and neck spasms.

Asia Cup Row: ICC Suspends Rauf, Fines Suryakumar Yadav

NEW DELHI

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced disciplinary action following incidents during the heated India–Pakistan encounters at the Asia Cup, suspending Pakistan pacer Haris Rauf for two matches and fining India's Suryakumar Yadav 30 percent of his match fee.

Rauf was penalized for repeated provocative gestures towards Indian supporters, while Suryakumar was found guilty of making politically charged remarks and refusing post-match handshakes. Both were charged under Article 2.21 of the ICC Code of Conduct, relating to conduct that brings the game into disrepute.

Pakistan opener Sahibzada Farhan received an official warning and one demerit point for his "gun celebration" after scoring a fifty, while India's Arshdeep Singh was cleared of an alleged breach for his emotional gesture following India's Super 4 win. Jasprit Bumrah, meanwhile, accepted a warning and one demerit point for mimicking Rauf's airplane gesture after dismissing him in the final. The sanctions followed hearings led by ICC match referees Richie Richardson and Andy Pycroft, covering matches played on September 14, 21, and 28. Rauf's "6-0" and airplane gestures, widely circulated on social media, were seen as deliberate taunts referencing Virat Kohli's sixes in the 2022 T20 World Cup.

Matt Short Focused On Tackling Spin Ahead Of 2026 T20 World Cup

GOLD COAST

Australian batter Matt Short is embracing the challenge of facing "world-class" Indian bowlers in the ongoing T20 series but admits that mastering spin in subcontinental conditions will be crucial ahead of next year's T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka.

"There's always ways to improve. Looking at the World Cup, my game against spin probably needs a bit of work," Short said ahead of the fourth T20I against India. "We've got great power-hitters like Tim David, Glenn Maxwell, and Marcus Stoinis who've played a lot in India. So, it's definitely a challenge, and playing for Australia is never easy." With the series locked 1-1, Short noted that India's strong squad has given Australia valuable match experience. "India are number one for a reason. They've got world-class bowlers and bat deep. Conditions will be different in the World Cup, but this series is helping us prepare," he said.

The 29-year-old, who impressed as an opener in the Big Bash League (BBL), said he's open to batting lower down if required for team balance. "Personally, I think I'm suited to the top of the order. But with the top four likely settled, I may have to play through the middle. This series helps us test different roles ahead of the World Cup," he explained.

Short also highlighted the difference between opening and finishing: "When you open, you can ease into the innings. But coming in later, you need intent from ball one."

The 58-Test veteran hasn't scored a Test century since the 2023 Ashes in Eng

Labuschagne Returns to Aus' Ashes Squad

GOLD COAST

Australia's Marnus Labuschagne has been recalled to the national squad for the upcoming Ashes series, with selectors naming the experienced batter in a 15-member team for the first Test against England beginning November 21 in Perth.

Labuschagne, who missed the three-Test tour of the West Indies earlier this year due to poor form, has bounced back with strong performances in domestic first-class cricket. The right-hander, with 58 Tests to his name, last reached three figures during the 2023 Ashes in England.

Opener Jake Weatherald, 31, could make his Test debut after being picked ahead of Matt Renshaw and Sam Konstas. Weatherald was last season's top scorer in the Sheffield Shield, amassing 906 runs at an average of 50.33.

Steve Smith will captain the side in the absence of Pat Cummins, who continues to recover from a lower back injury. The pace attack is likely to feature Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Scott Boland, with Brendan Doggett and Sean Abbott providing additional fast-bowling options. Allrounders Beau Webster and Cameron Green have also been included.

Selector George Bailey said that most squad members are currently playing Sheffield Shield matches to fine-tune preparations.

WELLINGTON

NZ PM Luxon Congratulates India on Women's WC Triumph

New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon congratulated the Indian women's cricket team on winning the 2025 ICC Women's World Cup, calling them "outstanding" and "world-class." Speaking to media, Luxon said he had backed India after New Zealand's exit and was thrilled to see them defeat Australia and later South Africa in the final. "I watched the highlights last night. They were truly world-class and deserved to win," Luxon said, adding humorously, "As long as someone beats Australia, that's all we care about." India's victory marked their first Women's World Cup title, joining Australia, England, and New Zealand as champions.

BRISBANE

Shane Watson Backs Shubman Gill to Regain Form across Formats

Former Australia all-rounder Shane Watson has backed India's vice-captain Shubman Gill to overcome his lean patch and rediscover his best form across formats. Gill, who led India in the home Tests against West Indies before the white-ball series in Australia, has struggled to replicate his success in limited-overs cricket, managing just 43 runs in three ODIs. Watson acknowledged the challenge of frequently switching between formats but said Gill's "amazing technique" would help him find consistency soon. "He's ridiculously talented and it won't take him long to adjust," Watson said. With the India–Australia T20I series tied 1-1, Gill will look to bounce back in the fourth T20I at Carrara Oval on Thursday.

MUMBAI

Harmanpreet Kaur Gets World Cup Tattoo to Celebrate Historic Triumph

Just days after leading India to a historic Women's ODI World Cup victory, captain Harmanpreet Kaur immortalised the moment by getting a tattoo of the World Cup trophy on her left arm. Sharing the image on Instagram, she wrote, "Forever etched in my skin and my heart." The gesture reflected the immense emotional value of India's maiden title win. In a BCCI video, Harmanpreet recalled her childhood days playing with her father's bat and dreaming of representing India. "Since I was a kid, I always dreamt of winning the World Cup," she said. "It shows that you should never stop dreaming — destiny rewards belief."

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